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Professional Development Seminar

Register to attend the free Professional Development Staff Conference. The Professional Development Committee has planned a full-day campuswide training event for staff on **Tuesday, June 13**. The conference will be held in the **DiGiorgio Campus Center** with check-in beginning at **8:15 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.** The day will have several break-out sessions with networking opportunities mixed in. Some of the conference sessions include: tips for making your communications successful, leadership essentials, ask the experts: campus event planning, and satisfying external and internal customers. If you are interested in registering or would like more information please contact Goldie Gildehaus at gildehausg@winthrop.edu.

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WU Reviews

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. This month's review is by April Hershey, assistant to the dean, The Graduate School.

Generation Z Goes to College by Corey Seemlier & Meghan Grace:

Generation Z refers to those born from 1995 to 2010. They are also known as the digital natives as their entire world has been dictated by the Internet and their seamless access to it. This book does an excellent job of defining this generation and distinguishing them from their "Millennial" predecessors. While both groups are connected through their pronounced understanding of all things digital, there are differences between the two that are important to how the world relates to them and them to it. Seemlier and Grace utilize research from a variety of surveys including the Pew Foundation while also having conducted their own study. It seems as we just got comfortable in learning how to relate to the millennial "everybody gets a trophy" generation and now we have to switch gears slightly to understand this next group. Generation Z describes themselves as loyal, compassionate, and driven. Unlike the "me" generation before them, Gen Z is concerned with issues that affect everyone rather than just a small social sphere. This compassion is shown in their understanding of the diverse world in which they have

grown up and how important it is to embrace this diversity rather than fight against it. Their drive may translate in the work place to be more entrepreneurial and develop jobs for themselves rather than waiting for someone else to create it or see the need.

This book includes a chapter on how institutions of higher education can adapt to meet the needs of these students while also preparing them for their inevitable futures in a world full of the wider variety of previous generations. Having witnessed first-hand the Great Recession in the early 00s and its devastating impact on the economy, this generation is adamant that the debt they incur for a college degree be as minimal as possible and their studies zeroed in on their professional goals. With the increased demand for online learning, this group will be less prone to attend traditional brick and mortar schools and live on campus. This book does have some interesting statistics on how this generation feels about religion and spirituality. While focused on a digital delivery of all things, this generation values face to face connections when working towards righting wrongs in this world and building more interpersonal relationships within a smaller group.

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

Teresa McNitt, accounts receivable analyst, Student Financial Services &
Heather Savikas, accounting technician, Cashiers Office.

Who Are WU? Printing Services



The Printing Services team from left to right: Conner, Parrish, Stuckey, Lowery.

Printing Services wants to make you look good through printed materials and design. The team pulls together to make the impossible happen, operating printing equipment to produce quality publications under extreme deadlines. Learn more about the team below.

Angie Conner, Printing Operator II

Angie started working for Winthrop in February of 2003. She is responsible for maintaining the copier fleet, bindery, and the overflow of graphic design/typesetting jobs. She and her husband, Sonny, will celebrate their 30-year anniversary this June and have two children, a son-in-law and a one-year-old grandson, Jon-Conner. Angie enjoys camping, crafting and making unique items with her Silhouette machine for her family and friends.

Sibbie Lowery, Graphic Artist

With 18 years at Winthrop and a total of 43 years of working in printing, Sibbie has experienced just about everything.

Other than doing her regular job of setting up jobs for printing, she loves meeting and greeting the Winthrop students, staff or faculty to help with whatever their printing needs may be. Married to her childhood sweetheart from sixth grade, Sibbie and Herbie will mark 40 years this coming August. She and Herbie Lowery, a Fire Captain at Rock Hill Fire Department, have two beautiful daughters, Brooke and Whitney. Sibbie enjoys spending time with all her grandkids, along with her four-legged furry grands, family and friends. Most of all she enjoys riding her Harley Davidson with her husband, where they soak in the sunshine, fresh air and leave life's stresses behind. Sibbie always has her bags packed and loves to travel to different places.

Richie Parrish, Assistant Director of Printing

Richie came to Winthrop in March of 2000. In his role as assistant director of printing, he operates the offset press and the digital press, provides estimates for print jobs and orders supplies. He's been married for 25 years and is the father of two sons, Tyler, who is a senior at University of South Carolina, and Justin, a senior at Northwestern High School. In his free time Richie enjoys fishing and riding four-wheelers.

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

Jill has worked at Winthrop since graduating in 2002. Since 2010, Jill has split her time between University Communications and Marketing and Printing Services as director of publications and printing. Jill watches more TV than is necessary, along with her 15-year-old Golden Retriever Bonnie. She travels as much as she can and had the best trip of her life in January when she traveled to Hawaii.

STAFF MEMBER of the month

*Patricia Boler, custodial worker,
Facilities Management*



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

What makes Winthrop special to you?

The people-everyone is so friendly. [In fact, when I walked in with the basket, I could hear her mumbling that she's worked a lot of places and this is the best].

What drives you every day to make such a difference?
The kids give me new energy.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?
The students.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?
Bake and spend time with grandkids.

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?
Relax and you will fit in because everyone makes you so comfortable.

S.M.O.T.M. nominees



left to right: **Shannon Smith**, benefits and wellness program manager, Human Resources; **Pam Varraso**, administrative specialist, student affairs; **Laurie Grove**, student services program coordinator, Office of the Dean of Business Administration.

not pictured: **Chris Johnson**, sustainability coordinator, Facilities Management; **Susan Sistar**, administrative specialist, Counseling Services.

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. Congratulations to the April 2017 Finding
- Big Stuff Winner: Hope Williams, *Counseling Services*.

Winthrop Night @ The Charlotte Knights

Committee Corner

ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The elections & nominations committee is responsible for all elections pertaining to Staff Conference. The committee collects nominations and verifies that the nominees meet the qualifications.

The committee is responsible for creating and sending out the election ballots and gathering the results. In the future, this committee will be responsible for holding annual elections for the Staff Assembly Representatives and Staff Council, in addition to any special elections that may be necessary.

from left to right: **Kamal Rai**, senior projects analyst, Computing & Information Technology; **Becky Best**, groundskeeper supervisor, Facilities Management.



left to right: **Lori Tuttle**, executive director of alumni relations and annual giving, Alumni Relations; **Lynette Woodard**, head women's basketball coach, Athletics [who threw the first pitch!] at Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights game.



left to right: **Nick Wellons**, Winthrop student and student admissions ambassador; **Greg Olsen**, The Carolina Panthers; **Katie Price**, director of marketing, University Communications & Marketing, when Greg Olsen stopped by the Winthrop table at Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights game.

SPOTLIGHT

on Staff Assembly

This month's spotlight is on **Penny Cotter**, *administrative specialist, Athletics*.



Born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, Penny Cotter is the youngest of four children. She married her high school sweetheart, Jim Cotter, and they are happily getting ready to celebrate their 44th anniversary. Penny and Jim

have two daughters, Melissa and Amie. Melissa lives in Marysville, Ohio and has no children. Amie lives in Lake Wylie, South Carolina and has two children, Tyler and Claire. Tyler is seven and into all

sports he can be in and Claire, who is four, is into dance and swimming. In June of 2015, Penny and her husband moved to the Rock Hill, South Carolina area to be involved in their grandchildren's lives.

Penny is an administrative specialist in the Athletic Department for volleyball, softball, baseball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf, along with the marketing department and whatever else she is needed for. Penny has been enjoying going to as many of the sporting events as she can. She raised and showed quarter horses for around 15 years in Ohio, her girls doing most of the showing, and her doing the work.

Penny stays busy traveling when she can, working around her home, bass fishing, and helping a friend with her horses.

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: Maria D'Agostino, Tracy Holbert, Whitney Hough, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Summersby Okey-Hamrick, Allie Briggs, Kat Wilson.

WU Milestones



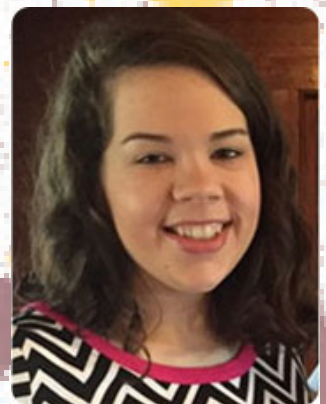
President Dan Mahony honored two employees – **Chrissy Catoe** (right), *associate director, Development*, and **Wes Love** (left), *project manager, Facilities Management* – with the **Winthrop Award of Excellence**, which is a new prestigious honor created to recognize individuals who have excelled in implementing the Winthrop Plan, the university's strategic plan. Award selection is based on the individual nominee's noteworthy contributions to the realization of one or more of the major goals of the Winthrop Plan. Congratulations Wes and Chrissy!

S.M.O.T.Y.!

A new award was created – **Staff Member of the Year** – and awarded to Warren Byrd, *data base administrator, Computing and Information Technology*. Nominees came out of the pool of employees who had previously won Staff Member of the Month awarded by Staff Assembly.

Graduation STUFF

Congratulations to Claire Weikle, *program assistant, Interdisciplinary Studies*, on completing her MBA!



Retirement STUFF

Diane Wright, *Athletics*, is retiring after 38 total years with the University, 35 of those have been in Athletics. She began working part-time in accounting, after a few months, she began working five hours a day for the first coliseum director, Ms. Carol Tolen, along with Dr. Evans Brown, a professor and director of intramurals, all under the umbrella of the School of Education. In October 1982, she moved into the Coliseum on the day it opened. Diane has worked with every athletic director that Winthrop has had since 1982.

Jack Frost, *assistant athletic director for communications, Athletics*, will be retiring after 26 years, 8 months of service in the Athletic Department. He served as the first sports information director for Winthrop Athletics. He is the second longest serving SID in the Big South Conference history. During his tenure, he has mentored many upcoming professionals in the sports information and communications field across the country. Jack and Tom Hickman, who retired last June, established the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Brenda Knox, *library support technician, Dacus Library*, is retiring after 33 years with Dacus. Ms. Knox has been instrumental in helping the library track their funds, keep their computers going, and making sure their printers, scanners, and other machinery run smoothly. We will miss Brenda immensely.

Full List of Staff Retirees: Angelica Attaway, *Facilities Management*; Kathy Boulware, *Athletics*; Cindy Cassens, *Residence Life*; Donna Coker, *Admissions*; Jack Frost, *Athletics*; Susan Gunderson, *Institutional Advancement*; Robbie Hampton, *Records and Registration*; Cheryl Hingle, *University College*; Curtis Holder, *Facilities Management*; Ophelia Hunter, *Controller's Office*; Dennis Kennedy, *Facilities Management*; Marvin Mackey, *Facilities Management*; Louise Mickle, *Admissions*; Dan Murray, *Athletics*; Bob Reid, *Procurement*; Jean Silagyi-Rebovich, *Accreditation and Accountability*; Janice Smith, *Cashiers Office*; Marty Trader, *Facilities Management*; Charles Wallace, *Facilities Management*.

Service STUFF

10 Years

Georgette D. Bell, *Cashiers Office*; Johnathan W. Brabson, *Athletics*; Jessica A. Cassel, *Purchasing*; Katherine C. Dykhuis, *Graduate School*; Eugene Ealey, *Computing and Information Technology*; Michael P. Feimster, *Admissions*; Aimee S. Kline, *Athletics*; Stephanie L. Mayes, *Facilities Management*; Kevin T. Pendley, *Athletics*; Cynthia O. Reynolds, *Facilities Management*; Jane E. Starnes, *Development*; Karen M. Stewart, *Health Services*; Kara L. Traverse, *Records and Registration*; Lillie E. White, *Facilities Management*.

20 Years

Patrea C. Lathan, *Human Resources*; Charlie McDonald, *Facilities Management*; Nancy R. Scurry, *Accreditation and Accountability*; Howard M. Seidler, *Residence Life*.

30 Years

Mitzi P. Stewart, *Facilities Management*.

40 Years

John P. McKee, *Finance and Business*.