

STAFF STUFF

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HOMECOMING stuff



Winthrop's Homecoming will be held the week of November 9 to 14. This year's theme is *"New York, New York: A Winthrop State Of Mind"*.

Events are all around campus and include: Paint the Town Garnet & Gold, Homecoming Court Presentation, RSA Banner Decorating Party, Office Decorating Con-

test, Homecoming Concert, the annual Tailgating, Men's Basketball season opener and concludes with the NPHC Step Show. You can check out the times of the events at www.winthrop.edu/homecoming.

Tailgating at the south lawn of the Coliseum begins Saturday at 11 a.m. and ends at the 4 p.m. tip-off of the men's basketball game against Hampton. During halftime the 2015 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. Staff get into all athletic events for free by showing their WU ID (see Calling All Sports Fans), so come out and show your support for our Men's Basketball team.

New to this year's Homecoming tailgate, **"Taste of Carolinas Beer Garden"** will be setting up to sell beer. Remember to bring your ID, tickets will be sold for this and purchases can only be made with cash. Just a reminder, no pets are allowed at tailgating.

The **Office Decorating Contest** will be looking for the most spirited office or individual on campus. The prize will be awarded Saturday, November 14.

POLITICAL stuff

FIRST IN THE SOUTH

NOV. 6
CANDIDATES
FORUM

On November 6, Winthrop will be the place for all things politics. At noon in the Richardson Ballroom of the DiGiorgio Campus Center, Republican presidential candidate U.S. Senator Rand Paul will be joined by U.S. Senator Tim Scott and U.S. Congressman Trey Gowdy.



In the afternoon Dina's Place in the Campus Center will be the location of a Town Hall of the Democratic National Committee's Southern Regional Caucus moderated by SRC Chair and South Carolina House of Representatives member Gilda Cobb-Hunter, followed by "Chairs

Chat," a conversation among eight Democratic state party chairs and moderated by South Carolina Democratic Party Chair Jaime Harrison.

In the evening the First in the South Forum in Byrnes Auditorium will see former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, and former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley interviewed by MSNBC host and commentator Rachel Maddow. Before and after the Forum, Chris Matthews will host a special edition of MSNBC's show "Hardball" on a specially built stage in front of Byrnes Auditorium. MSNBC will bring 100 crew members who will be preparing the Byrnes Auditorium stage and building the "Hardball" set. Covering all these very newsworthy events will be 200 reporters from all over the world who will be in a special media area in the West Center gym.

HALLOWEEN stuff

The first ever Staff Halloween Costume Contest.

The Campus and Community Involvement Committee hosted the first ever Staff Halloween Costume Contest. Five objective students judged all submissions based on originality, authenticity, effort and creativity.

We had so many great submissions!



The West Center Team



Kate Barringer, The Graduate School



Jill Stuckey, Communications & Marketing



The Residence Life Team



The Cashier's Office



Daphne Sears and Linda McKeown, Biology Department



The Health and Counseling Services Team



The IT Team

HALLOWEEN stuff

AND THE WINNERS ARE....

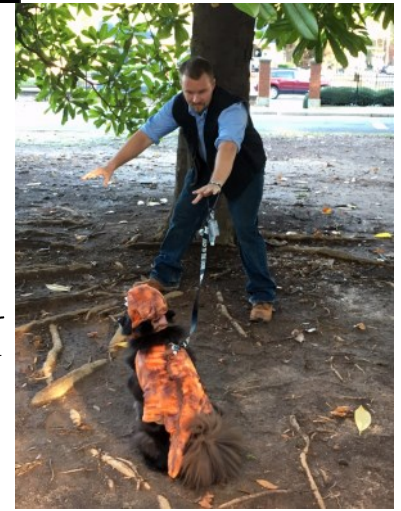


Group:
The Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Team as the "Women in Black"

Pictured from left to right:
Kaitlin Burdette, Brittany Pigford, Charlene Drummond, Michelle Dubert-Bellrichard

Individual:

Steve Schuh, residential learning coordinator for Residence Life as Navy veteran and raptor trainer, Owen Grady from Jurassic World.



CONFERENCE stuff

All meeting minutes from both Staff Assembly (elected representative group) and Staff Conference (large group meetings in Whitton Auditorium) are ONLINE. [Click over](#) to see what you might have missed.



We're having all kinds of fun over on Facebook with photos and updates and even videos. Don't miss out! Like us today, or add to the conversation!

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STAFF stuff MILESTONES

FIELD TRIP stuff



Pictured, left to right: *RideAbility* Director Dr. Wendy Schonfeld, ODS Assistant Coordinator Shardae Nelson, Coordinator for the Testing Program Susan Sistar, and ODS Administrative Specialist Hope Williams.

On October 19, 2015, the Office of Disability Services took a professional development field trip to *RideAbility*, an equine therapy program in Clover, SC. Has your office done something fun or exciting? Send us some pictures at staffstuff@winthrop.edu.

FIND BIG STUFF stuff

Can you find Big Stuff? Starting with this month's issue, each issue of Staff Stuff will have 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. The first one to find Big Stuff will win a prize courtesy of the Office of Institutional Advancement.

MEMORIALS



CYNTHIA WHITLOCK GILMORE

Cynthia Whitlock Gilmore passed away on Sunday, October 11. She was 56. Cynthia worked as a custodian in the West Center and was later reassigned to Dinkins. Cynthia fought breast cancer, but later succumbed to cancer of the liver. Walter Hardin sent an e-mail to campus community announcing her untimely death. In that e-mail, he said: "She displayed a wonderful attitude in everything she did and was always thinking of others and made dear friends in every building she worked." Cynthia Gilmore was a beloved member of our Winthrop Family and she will be missed by all of us. Cynthia is survived by her mother, daughter, and many other family members. Please keep them in your thoughts.

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

KATIE SARDELLI

RESOURCE CENTER FOR ADULT STUDENTS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
SEPTEMBER 2015



How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have worked at Winthrop for just over eight years. I began working here in July 2007 as the Residential Learning Coordinator for Margaret Nance Hall. In August 2012, I assumed my current role as the Director of the Resource Center for Adult Students.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

The focus on the student experience! When I came to Winthrop, I was looking for a campus that values students as individuals, and that's what I found. I appreciate that as a staff member I'm always encouraged to act in the best interest of my students, and I'm given the opportunity to work with them one-on-one to make sure they're successful Winthrop students.

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

I feel very lucky that every day I have the opportunity to work with students, and there's always a new challenge to encounter in assisting them. Working with my populations—transfers, veterans, and post-traditionals, each of them have such a unique path that led them to campus, and also unique needs and challenges while they're here. My goal is always to try to make them feel at home and ensure they feel they are valued members of the Winthrop community.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

I love the people I work with! In eight plus years on campus, I've had the opportunity to make multiple connections across many departments and I value my working relationship with all of my colleagues. I know I wouldn't be able to serve our students without these personal relationships I have with faculty and staff. I feel so lucky to be supported in my office's goals by our faculty, staff, and administrators.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

In my spare time, I like to cook, read, and especially quilt.

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

I always tell our incoming transfer/post-traditional students that their Winthrop experience is what they make it. Our campus is one where our faculty and staff love students and want to assist in any way they can. All a student needs to do is walk into an office and ask!

Congratulations to September's Staff Member of the Month

nominees: Allie Briggs, Social & Behavioral Research Lab; Allison Stucker, Technology Services; Amanda Hackney, Arts & Sciences Dean's Office; Amanda McGarity, World Languages; Angie Conner, Printing Services; Sibbie Lowery, Printing Services; Barbara Mayes, Purchasing Department; De Wells, Residence Life; Donna Guerra, Music; Nicole Merchant, PESH and Recreational Services; Gina Price White, Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections; Jan Patterson, HCS; Jill Stuckey, University Relations; Katie Dykhuis, Graduate School; Katie Sardelli, University College; Lindsey Hill, International Center; Melissa Davis, College of Business; Miranda Knight, Student Affairs; Starr Albert, Admissions; Teresia Sexton, Purchasing.

getting to know



This month's spotlight is on the Winthrop Technology Services. The Technology Services Team consists of Associate Director TJ Carney, Technology Services Associate Allison Shepherd, Operations Manager of Academic Computing Melanie McFadden, Service Desk Manager Kay Foster, Smart Classroom Coordinator Allison Stucker, Computer Operator Mike Connolly, Lead Telecommunications Technician Gene Ealey and the Technology Services Technicians: Joey Martin, Michael Stroud, Eric Moss, Justin Temple, Luis Garcia, and Eric Threatt.

Allison Shepherd, technology services associate, Technology Services.

Allison works in the Technology Services Office, commonly known as, "The ID Office." Allison handles walk-in computer and mobile device support, as well as creates Faculty and Staff computer/email accounts. The office also prints and grades Scantron forms and issues ID cards to campus members. Allison is expecting her first child in February.

Melanie McFadden '12, operations manager, Academic Computing.

Melanie joined the IT team early this year after working for Dell for the past three years. She manages all of the student computer lab operators, in addition to supporting more than 750 computers and printers located in 25 different computer labs on campus. Melanie works closely with faculty and staff members to ensure that all instructional software is kept up to date in the labs. Melanie is a competitive billiards player in her spare time.

Kay Foster, service desk manager, Technology Services.

Kay is the latest recruit in the department and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Call Center (x2400) and the Technology Services Office. Kay handles the routing of service requests, sometimes up to 100 calls a day, to the appropriate section of the IT Department. She also reviews all satisfaction survey results daily and analyzes trends to ensure a high level of customer service is provided to the campus community. Kay served for 13 years in the United States Air Force.

Allison Stucker '09, smart classroom coordinator, Technology Services. Allison handles the Smart Classroom Technology across campus. She designs, installs, and maintains all of the equipment (computer, lectern, wiring, and projector) in more than 200 classrooms on campus. Her favorite part of the job is training faculty and staff members, either through one-on-one sessions or structured TLC sessions, to better utilize the classroom equipment and maximize the use of technology. Allison volunteers as the Campus Director for the Cross Impact student organization at Winthrop.



L-R Allison Shepherd, Melanie McFadden, Kay Foster, Allison Stucker

Technology Services Technicians, Technology Services – All Winthrop University technicians are highly trained and hold several industry certifications, such as Dell, Apple, Hewlett Packard, and CompTIA Network Plus. The technicians provide technical assistance with departmental purchases, installation of new equipment, maintenance of Winthrop's technology and telecommunications equipment, and limited training for standard software products. The technicians perform about 650 faculty and staff computer replacements and approximately 12,500 service calls per year. There is a total of 75 combined years of campus experience amongst all of the technicians. In their spare time, several of the technicians enjoy playing disc golf, soccer, and computer games.



L-R Joey Martin '91, Michael Stroud, Eric Moss, Justin Temple front L-R Luis Garcia, Eric Threatt '02, Technology Services Technicians, Technology Services



Pictured left, Mike Connolly '78, '11, computer operator, Technology Services. Mike ensures all integral computer systems, as well as campus security cameras, are functioning properly by accomplishing daily system checks. Mike oversees the complete lifecycle of all computer related equipment on campus. He also assists in the Technology Services Office when needed. Mike served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era.

Pictured right, Gene Ealey, lead telecommunications technician, Technology Services. Gene handles telephone and network related requests in all buildings on campus. This includes voicemail, the voicemail-to-e-mail (EVM) system, installing conference phones, creating conference bridges, and ensuring that the 911 telephone database is accurate.



Gene also installs network and telephone cabling throughout the campus. Gene served in the United States Navy for 11 years.

Not pictured, Alan Dupas '98, technician, Technology Services. Alan handles the support for student computers which includes virus and malware removal, in addition to hardware diagnostics. Alan services approximately 200 student computers per year. He served in the United States Navy.

getting to know



Each month, Staff Stuff will be featuring fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, meet TJ Carney, Parliamentarian for Staff Assembly.

TJ Carney, associate director of technology services, serves as the Parliamentarian on the Staff Assembly. He has been working at



Winthrop University for almost 13 years and has held several positions within the Information Technology Department. He holds a master's degree in management from Liberty University and a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Chapman University. TJ has many

industry certifications, including Microsoft MCSE, ITIL v3 Foundations, and ITIL Service Operation Certifications. He currently leads all of the IT support departments consisting of highly technical employees in the areas of User Support Services, Telecommunications, Academic Computing, Classroom Support, and the Technology Services Office. TJ has been imple-

menting the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) best practices to bring Winthrop in line with leading IT industry standards.

Prior to working at Winthrop University, TJ served for eight years in the United States Air Force as a Crew Chief on the KC-10 Aerial Refueler, and later as a Systems Administrator. During his Air Force career, TJ traveled all over the world to include Australia, Europe, Middle East, South Pacific, and Latin America. While in the Air Force, TJ met his wife Terra of 16 years who holds a bachelor's degree in special education and elementary education from Winthrop University. They have eight children, three boys and five girls: Thomas (13), Tanner (10), Tristin-Grace (9), Teagan (7), Taylor Ann (5), Taryn (3), Tyndall Ruth (2), and Titus (8 months). TJ is a classically trained singer and enjoys performing in local community events and in church.

FOOD DRIVE stuff



The second annual food drive, sponsored by Campus & Community Involvement Committee, will be **November 9 until November 18.**

Last year the Winthrop community collected 1,200 pounds of food.

Our goal this year is 2,000 pounds.

Each department should put out a box for collection and when it is full, please contact Pam Varraso X2248 for pickup. The donations will be delivered to Hope House. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Pam.

SPORTS stuff

This is just a reminder that all Winthrop employees and their dependents qualify for free admission to all regular season athletic events on campus.

Full time and retired employees simply show your campus ID at the gate or at the ticket booth for men's basketball games, to receive one ticket per ID shown. Dependents of full time employees must present a picture ID, which is available at Room 15 in Tillman Hall. www.winthrop.edu/technology

Part time employees can e-mail Larry McLaine (mclainel@winthrop.edu) with the names of their dependents for their Screamin' Eagles cards. The cards can then be picked up at the ticket office at the Coliseum or can be mailed to your interoffice mail address. Please note that these card are available to part time employees and are for their dependents only.

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.

www.winthrop.edu/staff

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