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Trolley Tours of Campus: 1 to 5 p.m., Tillman Hall  
Memorabilia Display: 1 to 5 p.m., 206 Tillman Hall  
Class of 1966 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner: 5 to 8 p.m., McBryde Hall  
Class of 1961 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner: 6 p.m., Evans Room in DIGS  
Young Alumni Mixer: 6 p.m., Full Spectrum Brewing Company

### Saturday, November 12:

Trolley Tours of Campus: 8 to 11 a.m., Tillman Hall  
Memorabilia Display: 8 to 11 a.m., 206 Tillman Hall  
Rob McDonald '86 Book Signing: 10 a.m., Winthrop Bookstore  
Planned Giving Workshop: 9:30 a.m., 306 Tillman Hall  
Alumni Association Tailgate: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Coliseum Lawn  
Craft Beer Tent @ Tailgate: Noon to 3:30 p.m., Coliseum Lawn  
Reunion & Awards Luncheon: 11 a.m., McBryde Hall



# 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](mailto:staffstuff@winthrop.edu). This month's review is by Whitney Hough, director of communications and community engagement, College of Visual and Performing Arts.



One of the most anticipated thrillers of the year, "The Girl on the Train," was released in theaters this past October. I was intrigued by the trailer back in April and wanted to read the popular book that inspired the movie. Surprisingly, I read the entire book in just a couple of days, and as I turned the last page, I knew I'd have to sleep with a light on that night. It had the perfect combination of thrill, suspense and surprise that makes a page-turner.

I was so excited to see the movie that my husband and I bought tickets for opening night. We walked into the theater, popcorn in hand, ready for a thrill. Unfortunately, I found the movie lacked the suspense that I hoped for. The movie has received middling reviews, splitting critics and audiences alike. However, most agree that Emily Blunt's performance as Rachel is gripping and entertaining. The screenplay sticks pretty close to the story you already know, besides a few fairly insignificant changes, one of which is the

setting of the story. Most people who find out that the movie is set in New York versus the book's location of London are confused by the change, but it really has minimal effect on the story. In fact, Blunt uses her native British accent to further emphasize the fact that she is the outsider in this story.

I was disappointed that many of the twists from the book were mentioned casually with no build up at all in the movie. Was that because I knew the twists that were coming? Possibly. But my husband who had never read the novel said he never felt on the edge of his seat. You can tell that the story was influenced by "Gone Girl," a much more successful "whodunit"-style thriller released in 2014.

Overall, I think the movie will appeal to its target audience. The movie is not bad by any means, but I doubt it will be nominated for any Oscars this upcoming awards season. Grab your popcorn and sit back for a fun yet somewhat predictable Saturday night thrill.



## In Loving Memory

Sir Lawrence Darby, a custodian who worked at the Winthrop Coliseum, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 23, from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was 53 years old.

In an Oct. 24 campuswide e-mail, Walter Hardin, associate vice president for facilities management, recalled that Darby "was very well liked and knew everyone. Lawrence always had a smile on his face and went about his job with pride. Please keep his family in your thoughts."

The Winthrop Women's Basketball team announced they will be dedicating their season to Lawrence and will honor him with patches on their jerseys.

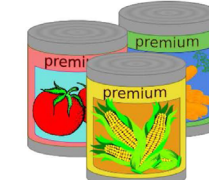
## Finding Big Stuff

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 October 2016 Finding Big Stuff Winner: Craig Sauvigne, *system administrator, Computing and Information Technology.*

# Food Drive!

## Annual Fall

# FOOD DRIVE



## October 17 – November 14 2000 POUND GOAL

Hosted by: Staff Assembly's Campus & Community Involvement Committee  
For more information, contact Pam Varraso at X4160  
Or Winthrop University Staff Conference Facebook Page  
for Drop off Locations

### Drop Off Locations:

- Good Building (Campus Police)
- 22 Tillman (Cashier's Office)
- Coliseum lobby
- 106 Withers (College of Education Dean's Office)
- Dinkins Front Lobby
- Facilities
- Health & Counseling Services Lobby
- 269 DiGiorgio Campus Center (Student Affairs)
- 126 Tillman (Records and Registration)
- Tillman Hall Main Entrance
- West Center Lobby

# New Hires



Left to right: **Edie Dille**, data management coordinator, Office of the Dean, College of Business; **Renae Myles**, senior associate athletic director, Athletics; **Veronica Mann**, custodial worker, Facilities Management.

# STAFF MEMBER

## of the month

September 2016

Daphne Sears  
administrative specialist, Biology



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

I have been working here for just over a year. I began working in the Biology department June 2015.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

One of the many things that has impressed me about Winthrop is the faculty's involvement with students. Working in the biology department has allowed me to see first-hand how dedicated our faculty is. I have seen them invest in students above and beyond what is expected. Our students thrive in this environment and it is exciting to be a part of the process.

Because of what I saw when I began working here, I encouraged my daughter to transfer to Winthrop after hearing her desire to change majors after two years attending a different university. I wasn't sure she would even consider the idea, however much to my delight she is a student here this semester! That by far is one of the most special thing about Winthrop to me, I can experience Winthrop with my daughter here on campus.

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

The realization that we make a difference every day in whatever

role we play, and it is up to us to choose the kind of difference we make drives me to make a positive impact. I want to make a difference in the lives of the people that I interact with. You never know what people are carrying through life, and it is a privilege to help lighten the load when given that chance.

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

By far, my favorite part of Winthrop is the students. I am so impressed by the dedication of our students. I enjoy hearing about their dreams and watching them work hard to achieve them.

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

I enjoy gardening, decorating, cooking, and antiques. (Really I am a 1950's stay at home mother in my heart) I also love hanging out with a great group of college students from my church.

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

Get involved! We are all here for their success. Get to know your professors and let them get to know you! Life is richer when we have support and Winthrop staff and faculty is the best support available.

### SMOTM NOMINEES:

Rose Guyer, *assistant director of data management, Admissions*; Karen Miller, *budget analyst, Office of the Dean, College of Education*; Melvin Young, *institutional technology coordinator, Office of the Deam, Business Administration*; Pansy Phillips, *administrative specialist, Curriculum and Pedagogy*; Sheila Neely, *administrative specialist, Human Nutrition*; Jill Stuckey, *director of publications and printing, Office of Communications and Marketing*; Heidi Nisbett, *admissions counselor, Admissions*.

## Volunteer Tree Planting Day at Laurelwood Cemetary

On Friday, October 14, 2016, six members of the Winthrop University facilities management team joined the City of Rock Hill for a Volunteer Tree Planting Day at Laurelwood Cemetary. The team members were: William Haynes, *building/grounds supervisor, Facilities Management*; Mark Ramsey, *lead groundskeeper, Facilities Management*; Rick Ramsey, *groundskeeping supervisor, Facilities Management*, Wes Love, *project manager, Facilities Management*, Walter Hardin, *associate vice president, Facilities Management*; Charlie MacDonald, *supervisor/landscaping/farm, Facilities Management*. Together our team planted six trees!



Rick Ramsey, *groundskeeping supervisor, Facilities Management*, plants a tree at the Volunteer Tree Planting Day.



left to right: William Haynes, *building/grounds supervisor, Facilities Management*; Mark Ramsey, *lead groundskeeper, Facilities Management*; Rick Ramsey, *groundskeeping supervisor, Facilities Management*, and Wes Love, *project manager, Facilities Management*.



Members of Winthrop Facilities Management team help plant a tree at the Volunteer Tree Planting Day at Laurelwood Cemetary.

## Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Hornets Game



Mark your calendar for a Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Hornets game on Friday, Nov. 18! The Charlotte Hornets will be taking on the Atlanta Hawks at 7 p.m. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, families and friends will receive discounted ticket prices and sit together in a reserved Winthrop section to cheer on the Charlotte Hornets. There is a pregame experience, where you can watch the team warm up on the court from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

To purchase your tickets, click the link below and use the promo code: EAGLES.  
<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/charhornets/EN/promotion/home>

\*Tickets cannot be purchased on a mobile device.

# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

# WVU Milestones

This month's spotlight is on **Susan Sauvigne**, *administrative specialist, College of Visual and Performing Arts*



This month's spotlight is on Susan Sauvigne, one of the newest elected representatives on Staff Assembly.

Susan has been at Winthrop University since 2000. She was an administrative specialist with the Art and Design Department from 2000-2007 at which time Fine Arts and Design split into individual departments. Since 2007, Susan has been the administrative specialist for the College of Visual and Performing Arts Office of Student Services as well as support for the College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Office.

Susan is a Rock Hill native and has been married to Craig Sauvigne, system administrator, Computing and Information Technology, for the past 19 years. Part of a self-described "WU family," her father worked at Winthrop and both her sister and daughter graduated from Winthrop as well as her husband Craig. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outside, working in the yard and geocaching as well as traveling to Charleston and the Outer Banks.

## 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.



left to right: Brittany Pigford, *archivist, Dacus Library*; Pam Varraso, *administrative specialist, Student Affairs*; Phyllis Redden, *coordinator for information services and campus reservation system, Student Affairs*, working the tent at Food Truck Friday in Old Town Rock Hill.



Faculty and Staff members congregate in the West Center lobby before leaving for the "Walktober" stroll around campus. Hosted by the Office of Recreational Services, the twice-weekly walks around campus in October were an effort to meet the American Heart Association's suggestion to get 30 minutes of exercise a day to maintain body weight and lower the risk of obesity.



Congratulations to Angelo Geter '08, *director of campus programming, Student Affairs*, and his new wife, Jasmine Geter, who were married on Sept. 17 in Greenwood, South Carolina. The two met while students at Winthrop.



Congratulations to Nicole Chisari, *communications coordinator, Office of Communications and Marketing*, and her husband, Jason, on the birth of their son, Edward Dean "Eddie Dean," 7 lbs, 1 oz., 20 1/4 inches long. Born at 3:19 p.m. on Sept. 25.



left to right: Jack Allen, *parking enforcement officer, Campus Police*, and President Dan Mahony at the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

# HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

## GROUP WINNER

## INDIVIDUAL WINNER



Finance and Business team as Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.



Judy Longshaw, news and media services manager, Office of Communications and Marketing, as "Maverick" from Top Gun.



Residence Life team as M&Ms.



Lori Perdue, administrative specialist, Health Services and Jackie Concodora, director, Health Services as Wonder Women.



Amanda Stewart, director of program administration, Winthrop University Foundation, as Ken Bone.



Jessica Lynn, executive director, South Carolina Campus Compact, as a lady bug.



Katie Price, director of marketing, Office of Communications and Marketing, as Rey from Star Wars: The Force Awakens.



Steven Schuh, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life, as Bob Ross.

