

STAFF STUFF

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FUN stuff

ATHLETICS

Staff and family members (with Winthrop ID) get into ALL Winthrop athletics events for free. In September, check the *Eagles website* and be sure to check out Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, and Men's and Women's Cross Country. **"PUP-TEMBER" night:** Sept. 22, Men's Soccer vs. Appalachian State at 7 p.m. Bring your dog out to watch humans kick a ball around. All dogs receive a treat and a Winthrop Eagles bandana; all dogs and their owners get in free.



ARTS

The College of Visual and Performing Arts is kicking off their fall season. Staff members often get reduced-price tickets or free entry.

Theatre and Dance: upcoming—*Jeffrey* and *Jane Eyre*



Music: upcoming—*Chartwell Dutiro*, (left) mbira music from Zimbabwe
Winthrop Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band present a **free outdoor concert** on the Byrnes Auditorium lawn on Sunday, Sept. 27. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. 6 p.m.

Winthrop Galleries: September brings three new exhibitions to the galleries. Visit the website for more information. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OUT AND ABOUT

Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights Ballpark:

Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7:05 p.m. Join us at BB&T Ballpark as we cheer on the Charlotte Knights vs. the Durham Bulls (baseball).

For tickets go to www.ticketreturn.com. At the top left-hand corner of the Ticket Return web page, enter the username and password below for special Winthrop ticket pricing and seats.

Username: **WinthropUniversity** and Password: **knights**

If you need additional information, please e-mail *Laura Little* or call extension 2145.

Tawba Fest on Saturday, Sept. 12. Food, fitness, fun—family festival at Rock Hill's Riverwalk on the Catawba River. FREE. 2–10 p.m.

Food Truck Friday on Friday, Sept. 18, at Fountain Park in downtown Rock Hill. The first 50 people with a Winthrop ID will be given a \$10 gift certificate to use for food! 6–9 p.m.



HEALTHY stuff

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY PREVENTION PARTNERS AND THE CAMPUS WELLNESS OFFICE.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29: Mobile Mammogram in the Margaret Nance parking lot. To schedule or for questions, call Kim Fields at 704/367-2232 ext. 6241. 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6: **Pink out Day!** All staff wear **PINK** in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Bra fitting by Belk's (time and location, TBA)

PREVENTION PARTNERS FALL HEALTH SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 (7-11 a.m.) Macfeat House

Thursday, Oct. 29 (7-11 a.m.) West Center



Two of last year's mobile mammogram participants



Dacus Library and Pettus Archives staff went all out for PINK OUT day.

To volunteer with any of these events, contact *Susan Sistar* or *Rosie Hopkins-Campbell*.

VOLUNTEER stuff

The Campus and Community Involvement Committee has several upcoming opportunities for YOU to pitch in. If you like to get your hands dirty, and want to help plant food to donate



to the local food pantry, save the date for Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m.—the next workday for our plot at the community garden. E-mail *Pam Varraso* or call ext. 2248 for more information.

CAMPUS stuff



Tomaine McClinton, Facilities Management, makes good use of his lunch break by becoming a pool shark over in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.

Starr Albert, Admissions, is the first friendly face our prospective families see. We wonder if she keeps the desk decoration so people know what a star she really is?



James Ervin, Facilities Management, takes a well-deserved air conditioning break before hitting the grounds crew again. Thank you for your hard work in the heat this summer, James and all the outdoor facilities management folks!



Cody Williams (above), Campus Police, works the recent Jeb Bush campaign event in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.



T.J. Hyatt (left), Records and Registration, arrives with a smile at the annual faculty-staff welcome back party in McBryde Hall.

MEETING stuff

UPCOMING STAFF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 15 @ 2 p.m. Whitton Auditorium

Tuesday, October 20 @ 2 p.m. Whitton Auditorium

MISS A MEETING?

Check out the monthly *meeting minutes online*.

ADA stuff

The year 2015 marks the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To celebrate, the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is asking Winthrop students to participate in the upcoming October **PhotoVoice Exhibition** as a way to raise awareness of the issues they face on campus each day. ODS will be using photographs to educate the public, as well as those who have the political power to make change on our campus and in our communities. Students with disabilities have been charged to think about their barriers, take a photo, and submit them to the office, with where and when the photo was taken and a short summary of why it is an obstacle. As an example, in a prior exhibit, a student with severe allergies took a photo of her epi pen sitting



ODS and Facilities Management are constantly monitoring and repairing spots like this one-inch drop on the walkway between Tillman and Margaret Nance. Even something seemingly small can trip up a person using a cane or walker.

inside her running shoes. Her summary explained how she can't just throw on her shoes and go. She has to be very careful of what she comes in contact with, and she must read all food labels before she can grab a snack or lunch. One misstep could lead to anaphylactic shock and possibly death.

Photographs and summaries will be posted on the windows of DiGiorgio Campus Center, Room

114 facing out into the lobby. Accessible every day from October 1-24th, during normal DiGiorgio Campus Center hours.

Thursday, Oct. 1, Dina's Place, 5 p.m., please join several students as they participate in a panel discussion and discuss their photographs and some obstacles they face on a daily basis. Light refreshments served immediately following in the DiGiorgio Campus Center Lobby until 7:30 p.m.

We will kick off this celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act with **IMPAIRED PERCEPTIONS**, the photographic exhibition by nationally known author, speaker and photographer Brian Steel. Brian travels the country speaking about ableism and how we define people by their disabilities. If we do not 'see' the disability, it must not exist and therefore, they are not credible. His striking back and white photography will be displayed in the Lewandowski Gallery on Sept. 16 (one day only). His message is clear that we perceive the limitations of others simply by visual inspection and discount their existence by our inner biases. **May contain mature subject matter.**



Brian Steel photo exhibition IMPAIRED PERCEPTIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Dina's Place, 5 p.m., video presentation and discussion. Lewandowski Gallery, 5:50-7:30 p.m. to view "Impaired Perceptions" and enjoy a reception with light refreshments.

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JULY: CAROL SCHLABACH

Administrative Specialist, Department of English

How many years have you been at Winthrop? 7 ½ years

What makes Winthrop special to you? I think everyone says this, but it is the people I work with every day. I have the privilege to work with the greatest bunch of caring individuals. Always there to cheer you up, help you when you need an extra hand for a task, or to just listen.



What drives you every day to make such a big difference? I like people. I like to see people succeed and if I can help in any way that is my driving force. I enjoy solving problems and removing obstacles so a project will come in on time and under budget. I truly enjoy the challenge.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop? The students. I miss them when they leave in the summer. They are so full of life. Some need a little hand holding, some need a little guidance but most of all they just want to be heard. The majority of our students are great young adults. I like to see them mature from freshmen (when they are so scared) to seniors (when they are ready to take on the world).

What do you do in your spare time? I read, watch TV, and love on my 10 lb. white Maltese named Mr. Bentley. The love of my life, well, after my husband of course!

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would that be? Don't be afraid to ask questions. Everyone at Winthrop wants to make their time here as pleasant as possible. I have never heard a staff member tell a student he/she didn't have time to answer a question or assist them. We want them to succeed.

CONGRATULATIONS stuff

Staff Member of the Month nominees for July:

Alexandra Persson, President's Office; Amanda Hackney, Office of the Dean, CAS; Beverly Holbrook, Health Services; Cheryl Taylor, Office of the Dean, CVPA; Curlene Moise, Counseling, Leadership, & Educational Studies; Deborah Broome, Sponsored Programs and Research; Donna Guerra, Music; Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, Accreditation and Accountability; Eric Moss, Computing and Information Technology; Eric Threatt, Computing and Information Technology; Jackie Anthony, Health Services; Jackie Brockington, Records and Registration; Jane Rawls, Office of the Dean, COE; Jen Fricke, Office of the Dean, COE; Joan Hetherington, Sponsored Programs and Research; Joan Vandersloot, Office of the Dean, CAS; Joey Martin, Computing and Information Technology; Justin Temple, Computing and Information Technology; Katie Langer, Development; Laura Foster, Career and Civic Engagement; Linda Thomasson, Facilities Management; Michael Stroud, Computing and Information Technology; Michelle Mitcham, Social Work; Nancy Scurry, Accreditation and Accountability; Nancy Thomas, Records and Registration; Nikki Ford, Health Services; Robin Thorne, Facilities Management; Terry Sexton, Purchasing; Willie Aiken, Chemistry, Physics and Geology

WELCOME TO WINTHROP

NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

SONIA AGUILAR: Custodial, Facilities Management

CHARLI BRYAN: Residential Learning Coordinator, Residence Life

ALADINO CASTIBLANCO: Custodial, Facilities Management

SETH FAULKNER, Athletic Trainer, Athletics

LINDA SEIBLES-HEATH: Custodial, Facilities Management

JENN HESTER: Residential Learning Coordinator, Residence Life

MARY ELLEN LOROW, Administrative Specialist/Live Text Coordinator, Macfeat Laboratory Schools

JOSHUA KUENSTING: Studio Lab Coordinator, Fine Arts

RONA NEELY: Program Facilitator, CERRA SC

ANGELA SIMPSON: Custodial, Facilities Management

TERESA GREEN-THOMAS: Administrative Specialist, Office of the Dean of the College of Business Administration

ADRIAN WILSON: Employee Relations and Benefits Manager, Human Resources



WELCOME. front: l-r: Aladino Castiblanco, Angela Simpson, Sonia Aguilar, Linda Seibles-Heath; **back:** Terese Green-Thomas, Adrian Wilson, Joshua Kuensting, Charli Bryan, Rona Neely, Jenn Hester

FACEBOOK stuff



Bonus content, staff photos, and up-to-the-minute news flashes can all be yours at the *Winthrop Staff Assembly facebook page!*

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, find out more about the members of the Graduate School office.

Jack DeRochi, Ph.D., dean of Graduate School

I am responsible for the overall promotion and administrative support for graduate education at Winthrop. Although I make the final decision regarding graduate admissions, most of that work is done by our great admissions staff and the graduate program directors across campus. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues in multiple departments across campus to provide the highest quality graduate programs to our students. Our work focuses not only on new programs and enrollment, but also on operations and policies that best serve our students and the university. Drop by for a visit and say hello to the Graduate School team in Tillman 211.

April Hershey '99, '11, assistant to the dean

I handle the Dean's calendar, graduate assistantships, graduate scholarships, and the Graduate School budget. I am also responsible for the thesis process from the time it is turned in to the Graduate School to the point at which copies are distributed to the appropriate colleges.

Arenette McNeil '02, '10, graduate admissions coordinator

I am responsible for processing applications and some recruitment for graduate students within the College of Business Administration, College of Arts and Sciences (except Master of Social Work), and all Graduate non-degree and graduate special course applicants. After I receive an application, I gather all required supplemental documentation and admit or deny students in the system after receiving the final admission decision from the program director, graduate director and dean of the Graduate School.

Kate Barringer '12, '14, graduate admissions coordinator

I love the process of speaking with students from their initial interest in one of our graduate degree programs, assisting them throughout their application process, and hearing their excitement upon an admissions decision. I handle graduate applications for graduate students within the Richard W. Riley College of Education, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Master of Social Work program.

Patrick Guilbaud, Ph.D., director of adult programs

I am tasked to lead the identification, development and implementation of revenue-generating degree completion, workshops, and certificate courses and programs for working adults and post-traditional students. As part of my activities, I facilitate and support the roll-out of on-line, hybrid, face-to-face and course delivery at the university in order to meet the needs of adult students with work and family responsibilities.



L-R: Arenette McNeil, Kate Barringer, April Hershey, Patrick Guilbaud, Katie Dykhuis, Jack DeRochi

Katie Dykhuis, '98 and '05, graduate enrollment director

I oversee marketing, recruitment, and admissions for Winthrop's Graduate School (did you know there are more than 25 graduate programs?!). I visit other colleges and coordinate on-campus events to help prospective students see that Winthrop is the best place to get a graduate degree! I also review and revise our application and admissions process to make it as efficient and user-friendly as possible for our future Winthrop grad students.

Get more information about *Graduate School* here, including a great video about the programs and students.

DOUGHNUTS and stuff



The Professional Development Committee proudly presents the inaugural

“Wake Up Friday” on September 4.

Everyone is invited to come meet the members of the **Career and Civic Engagement** team from 8 – 9 a.m.

for FREE coffee & donuts and an opportunity to learn more about their department!

Crawford Building, room 114

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Each month, Staff Stuff will be featuring some fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, meet Maria D'Agostino, vice-chair of the Staff Assembly.



I am completing my 15th year here at Winthrop. Currently, I work in the Office of Records & Registration as the Assistant Registrar for Records. I was first hired as the Veteran Affairs Benefits/Graduation Coordinator in the Office of Records & Registration. It was in this position where I discovered my passion for working with students and being in the university environment...it's where I found my home in higher education.

In addition to working in the Office of Records & Registration over the years, I have also had opportunities to wear other hats: teaching a couple introductory courses in the Department of Political Science, serving as a mentor in the REACH program, teaching ACAD, and currently having the privilege and deep pleasure to be a part of the Staff Assembly. Such experiences have allowed me to connect with students and staff I might not otherwise have met.

Our records team is responsible for many services that include undergraduate and graduate degree progress and graduation; graduation activities carried out during undergraduate and graduate commencements; determining and awarding honors; processing transfer credit; coordinating university's cultural events requirement; certifying students receiving veteran educational benefits; processing change of major/minor/catalog/graduate program, as well as other activities related to the maintenance of the student academic record. As the Assistant Registrar for Records, I am also responsible for reviewing and certifying all student athletes' academic eligibility status; processing faculty grade changes; processing academic forgiveness requests; complying with subpoenas received by the university

regarding student academic records; managing the maintenance and retention of student academic records; and ensuring compliance with university policies and FERPA.

I received a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis in public management from University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) in government management from Pace University in New York. While completing my last year in graduate school and prior to coming to Winthrop, I worked for a local government in Westchester County, New York.

My home is a busy one....so I cherish family time. I love spending time with my husband Rick and our two daughters Katerina, 11, and Gabriella, 7. I also enjoy cooking, reading, volunteering in my community, swimming and traveling. For me there are three great things about working at Winthrop: (no specific order)...I love my job and what I do. Having the opportunity to meet and work with some truly amazing people. Knowing that we all share the commitment of serving our students.



This summer, I had the opportunity to visit Greece with my family. Both my daughters love the Percy Jackson book series and are big fans of Greek mythology, so it made our trip all the more fun. We spent some time sightseeing around Athens. We traveled outside of Athens and visited other sites such as the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion, god of sea. We also had the opportunity to visit two breathtaking Greek Islands. There is truly no end of monuments, archaeological sites and attractions in Greece. My family's roots are from Greece so I have been able to visit over the years. This trip was all the more special, though – my daughters were at a great age and it was amazing to see just how excited they got over all of this. It was a great experience and a memorable adventure!

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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