



Come See Me events on campus

Saturday, April 14

- 7:45 a.m. - Come-See-Me Road Races • Winthrop Coliseum
- 11 a.m. - Gourmet Gardens • Winthrop Farm
- 11 a.m. - Hops at the Park • Winthrop Farm
- Noon - Mayor's Frog Jump • Winthrop Farm
- 1 p.m. - Cornhole Throwdown • Winthrop Farm

Tuesday, April 17

- 3:30 p.m. - Teddy Bear Tea Party • Campus Green

Friday, April 20

- 6 p.m. - Moonlight Jazz & Blues • Winthrop Lake
- 6:30 p.m. - Barbeque Cook-Off/Anything but Butts Sales • Winthrop Coliseum

Saturday, April 21

- 10 a.m. - Barbeque Cook-Off • Winthrop Lake
- 3 p.m. - Tailgate Party • Winthrop Lake

More festival events can be found at www.comeseeme.org!

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This month's spotlight is on **Alicia Marstall**,
director of student activities, Student Affairs.

Alicia came to Winthrop from the University of Southern Mississippi in August 1999, just in time for the opening of school. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in communications and Master of Education in college student personnel from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She currently serves as the Director of Student Activities, where she oversees the areas of the DiGiorgio Campus Center, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, and Student Organizations and Leadership. She is married to Dennis Marstall, and they have one daughter, Kathryn, who is in first grade. Alicia enjoys camping, bike riding, serving as a Sacristan at St. Matthew Catholic Church, and going home to see her family and college friends for the Kentucky Derby!

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

Joseph Jones, *structural worker, Facilities Management*; Kathy King, *general ledger accountant, Controller's Office*; Katie Langer, *advancement services manager, University Advancement*; Kendra Mallett-Brunson, *development officer, University Advancement*; Kristin Smith, *grants specialist, Sponsored Programs and Research*; and Sherri Steedley, *telecommunicator, Campus Police.*

Walk 2018

Staff Suggestion:

Park way back in the Legion Lot, near the second entrance away from campus, and step into an additional mile and a half, round trip. Enough time to get the heart pumping! Bring your work shoes in a backpack!

Tina Vires, *program director, Office of Accessibility*

From January 1-March 25, participants have logged **13,193.94 miles!**



Send your photos, suggestions, and motivational tips to cauthenk@winthrop.edu to be featured in a future newsletter!

Accessibility

Advocate of the month

Those who work in student services are often the liaison between students and faculty. When assisting students who need accommodations in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, Anna Fredericks works tirelessly to collaborate with faculty and the Office of Accessibility. Often, this means engaging in creative brainstorming sessions to craft thoughtful resolutions for accommodations, including reasonable substitutions, for bright college students who happen to have disabilities.



Anna Fredericks, *director of student services, College of Visual and Performing Arts.*

Committee Corner

The Campus and Community Involvement Committee is actively seeking volunteers to help with the Winthrop tent at Come See Me. There will be free food, fun, and games! To volunteer, please contact Pam Varraso at x4160 or varrasop@winthrop.edu.

CCIC is also sponsoring our annual Spring Food Drive for Project Hope, the local crisis center. Last semester, we collected more than 5,000 lbs of food! The food drive will begin on Monday, April 8, and run through May 7. Be on the lookout for the collection bins around campus.

Interested in joining a standing committee? CCIC is looking for more members! Contact Pam Varraso for more information.

WUCycle!



Declutter your home and donate your unused items to WUCycle, and then come shop - all completely FREE!

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6 in the Student Activity Center adjacent to Withers.
- Donations will be accepted all day!
- Shopping begins at noon, and everyone in the community is invited (not just Winthrop staff!)
- Leftover items will be donated to Divine Saviour Catholic Church of York.
- Contact Julianne Schrader at schraderj@winthrop.edu or x3706 for more information or to have donated items picked up from your office early.

Who Are We?

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Leslie Miller is the coordinator for the Academic Success Center. She has been working in the ASC since the fall of 2013. She presents the ASC's Tutee Seminar and assists both tutors and tutees with the scheduling process. She enjoys encouraging Winthrop students and celebrating the hurdles that they conquer. Leslie earned her B.A. from Furman University in elementary education, and has taught and tutored at-risk students in the public school system. She spent time as a stay-at-home mom to her three children, and loves to cheer on their percussion endeavors, volleyball games, and achievements. When there is down time, she likes to spend time with her husband and children playing games, hiking, traveling, or riding rides at Disney World.

Monica Mitrovich is the TRiO program assistant. She is originally from Hepzibah, West Virginia, and graduated from Cleveland State University with a B.A. in communications. She has lived in Rock Hill for the past 13 years, and worked for the TRiO Program at Winthrop for the past six years. When not at Winthrop, Monica works with her husband Steve and their family's business 'Provident Landscape'. She loves being a mom and doing anything with her three children who are 15, 11, and 9. She spends most of her free time traveling to practice and attending club sporting events all over the East Coast.

Leigh Poole serves as the director of the International Center and as an assistant professor. As Winthrop's senior international officer, she is responsible for internationalization, international partnerships, education abroad, and international student services. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia where her research focused on the internationalization of U.S. higher education. She has also studied higher education as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany, South Korea, and France. During her time at Winthrop, she has identified several scholarships for study abroad as part of IIE's Generation Study Abroad initiative and helped establish a university-wide policy related to the hiring of international faculty and staff members.

Katie Sardelli is the director of Military, Adult, and Transfer Services and coordinates undeclared advising for University College. Her primary responsibilities focus on assisting our new military, adult, and transfer students' transition to Winthrop University, coordinating events and programs for the entire MATS population, and working individually with students to connect them with appropriate campus services and resources. Outside of work, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband and 9-month-old daughter Maggie, cooking, and quilting. A native New Yorker, Katie moved to South Carolina to join the Winthrop family 10 years ago as the Residential Learning Coordinator for Margaret Nance Hall.

Janell Stevens is a native of Hampton, Virginia. In December 2000, she graduated from South Carolina State University with a degree in psychology. Her family relocated to Rock Hill, South Carolina in January 2007 when her husband accepted a position at the Small Business Development Center. At that point, she began working as the program assistant for TRiO at Winthrop. She was promoted to TRiO academic counselor in August 2009, and received her Master of Education in counseling and development, with a concentration in community mental health, in May 2011 from Winthrop! Soon after, she became the assistant director for TRiO. Outside of TRiO, she loves being a mom to her daughters Brianna, Skylyn, and Tori, and wife to Larry Stevens. She loves cooking, traveling, and singing, but most of all spending time with her family. She is excited about working with TRiO students and providing them with the tools needed to be successful.

Virginia Tawse, International Center administrative specialist, relocated to South Carolina from Springfield, Massachusetts in March 1997. She has worked in the International Center since 2004 with the exception of a brief 13-month hiatus with TRiO. The joys in her life are two adult daughters and her brown tabby cat.

Michelle Wolf is the director of the Academic Success Center (ASC) within University College. In this role, she oversees all aspects of the learning center at Winthrop. She opened the center in 2010, and is eager to continue evolving the academic support services for students at our university. Since coming to Winthrop in 2001, she has served in several roles on campus, such as admissions counselor, assistant dean of students for orientation and new student programs, and director of the Center for Career and Civic Engagement. Michelle earned her Master of Education in higher education administration from the University of South Carolina, and has worked at several institutions, such as Florida Southern College, Brevard College, and the University of Virginia. In the evenings or on the weekends, you can find her on the baseball field with her two children or cheering on the Winthrop baseball team. She hopes to one day live on a lake in the mountains of Northeast Georgia.

Barb Yeager is the executive support specialist to the McNair Scholars Program. She assists the program director in budget maintenance and compiling program data, as well as assisting in organizing program events and activities and other related duties. Barb celebrated eight years with Winthrop and the McNair Program on March 5.

Mismatched Socks for Down Syndrome



This is Lainey! She is the youngest daughter of Miranda Knight, *assistant dean of students, Student Affairs*; and an adorable reason to Rock Our Socks on World Down Syndrome Day!



Brittany Pigford, *archivist, Louise Pettus Archives*; and Charlene Drummond, *archivist, Louise Pettus Archives*.



The Residence Life team!



On March 21, staff all across campus wore mismatched socks in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day!



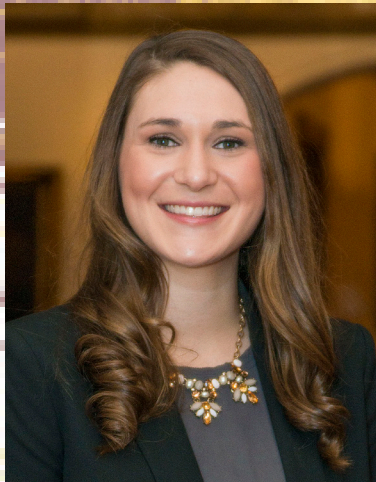
Socks from the Louise Pettus Archives collection.

Finding Big Stuff



Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has the illustration to the left 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 last month's winner: RaLinda Register, *executive support specialist, Student Affairs*.

WU Milestones



Congratulations to Brittany Neely on her promotion to Alumni Engagement Coordinator in the Office of Alumni Relations!



Jessica Martin, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life; participated in Alternative Spring Break with students.



Carey Stoneking, husband of Tina Vires, program director, Office of Accessibility; was ranked #1 in the world for his age group in the 24 Hour Ultra Marathon and 100k split!



The talented Hope Williams, administrative specialist, Office of Accessibility; has been brightening up her colleagues' offices with these delightful creatures!



Mark Cooke, head women's softball coach, Athletics; with Ken Halpin, athletic director, Athletics; and President Dan Mahony at the dedication ceremony for the new Janiva Mills Memorial Hitting Facility.

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.

Staff Conference Highlights - March

- President Mahony gave an update on Winthrop's state funding requests, and then answered questions submitted by staff:
 - He discussed what would need to happen for Winthrop to offer regular merit or cost-of-living raises for staff. The possibility of free West Center memberships is still being researched, but has been complicated by the new tax laws.
 - A question was raised regarding whether there are some staff who observe summer hours year round. President Mahony said this does not occur, but that there are some departments that work different hours based on university needs.
 - President Mahony gave more details regarding Winthrop's role in developing Knowledge Park.
 - He spoke about the cost of the rebranding initiative and why it was important to have it done now. More information can be found at www.winthrop.edu/ucm/rebrand.
- Responding to a question about the visitor spaces in front of Tillman Hall, Ken Scoggins, chief, Campus Police, said that faculty and staff are not permitted to park in visitor spaces, and said that the parking enforcement officers would be monitoring these spaces for violations.
- Nicole Chisari presented information regarding technology and equipment that can be used by staff:
 - Anyone can visit the Instructional Technology Center on the 3rd floor of Withers to use the technology they have there. They will also occasionally offer classes through the TLC. For more information, contact Joyce Camp, director of the ITC, Richard W. Riley College of Education.
 - The CreatorSpace in the College of Visual and Performing Arts has technology and equipment available to staff, although some items may require proper training first. Contact Jamilyn Larsen, executive assistant to the dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts, to learn more.
- Julia Fockler, senior financial aid counselor, Office of Financial Aid, gave a presentation on the work of the Elections & Nominations committee. There will be seven seats on Staff Assembly up for election this year, and staff in the open areas will be contacted about nominations beginning in April.
- The chair of the Elections & Nominations committee, Becky Best, groundskeeper supervisor, Facilities Management, introduced the newest member of Staff Assembly, Daphne Sears, program assistant, Facilities Design and Development.
- LeAnn Pounds, employee relations manager, Human Resources, announced that the sign-up for the annual health screenings had gone out in the Daily Digest e-mail.

Web Stuff



We want to connect with you! Join our Staff Conference Facebook group for updates throughout the month, or check out the newly redesigned Staff Conference web page at www.winthrop.edu/staff

Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee:

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