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save the Date!

The Faculty/Staff/Retirees Ceremony will take place on the Byrnes Auditorium front lawn on Tuesday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m. Service award recipients and retirees from 2020 and 2021 will be recognized, and the recipients of the Winthrop Award of Excellence and the Mary Spann Richardson award will be announced!

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Heather Gearhart, *assistant volleyball coach, Athletics*

Jeremy Whitaker, *associate vice president, Finance & Business Affairs*

Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions covered employees returning to work on campus, the hiring process for the next President, the state telecommuting policy, converting the tennis courts into Pickleball courts, a staff town hall to discuss strategies for coping with stress, and temporary parking passes for pregnant employees no longer being offered.
- The initial findings from the spring staff survey were shared. Staff Assembly will have a more complete presentation when they have had time to dig into all of the responses.
- Members of the Elections & Nominations Committee shared information about the upcoming elections for Staff Assembly representatives.

To view the complete PowerPoint or review the minutes, visit the [Staff Conference SharePoint Site!](#)

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: Willie Aiken, *operations manager, Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Geology.*

Let Printing Services Help with personal printing

A perk of working at Winthrop is that you can take advantage of Printing Services as your own personal print shop. The staff love to help with your personal print jobs, whether it be invites for a child's birthday party, an HOA newsletter in your neighborhood or a family recipe or history book. Here are a few examples of personal jobs we have done for Winthrop faculty and staff:

- Business cards and flyers for side businesses
- Instruction books for personal hobbies
- Wedding invites, reply cards, programs, hand fans
- Printed copies of family oral histories
- A banner for a 60th birthday party
- PTA newsletters
- Memorial service programs and enlarged portrait of the deceased
- Personal photography enlarged and printed as a poster
- Books of family recipes (a great gift!)
- 40th birthday invitations
- Baby shower invitations
- Bridal shower invitations
- Children's birthday party invitations
- Bachelorette party invitations and favors
- Homeowner's association newsletters
- Homeowner's association annual mailings
- Homeowner's association event invites
- High school booster club materials and football programs
- Accessories for Halloween costumes
- Christmas cards
- Galentine's Day cards

So, how does it work? Typically people contact Printing Services with the art for their project already ready to print. How do they do that? Some purchase artwork from Etsy or other vendors, some use design sites like Canva, some create it in Microsoft Word or Powerpoint. If you'd rather we handle the artwork, we can certainly do that, though keep in mind that we do charge for our design time.

If you have your art ready to print, email a pdf of it to printingservices@winthrop.edu along with specifics of the job: what kind of paper, how many you want, when you need it by, etc. and ask for a price estimate. We provide custom quotes as requested because there are so many variables for print jobs. You'll see our prices are very competitive, and we're easy to work with! Once the job is complete, we accept credit cards through our Marketplace site and also checks (no cash, please).

So if this email sparked a little creativity in you, and you want to discuss your project with our experienced staff and get preliminary pricing, you have three choices for getting the ball rolling:

1. E-mail printingservices@winthrop.edu
2. Call 803/323-2221
3. Come by McBryde 105 for a socially distant, masked chat! (The rust-colored stairs on the side of the building facing the West Center Visitor Parking Lot lead directly to our space.)

STAFF MEMBER

of the month



Telisa Simon
custodian, Facilities Management

SMOTM Nominees

Anna Fredericks, *student services director, College of Visual & Performing Arts*; Jill Lauber, *assistant to the dean, College of Arts & Sciences*; Kathie Park, *budget analyst/facilities manager, Richard W. Riley College of Education*; Miranda Knight, *assistant dean of students, Student Life*.

- Do you work with someone who consistently goes above and beyond in displaying Winthrop's values? Have a colleague who really shined while tackling a tough project? Nominate them for Staff Member of the Month! Anyone can submit a nomination, and individuals can be nominated more than once!

Nomination Form

Earth Week!

This April marks 51 years of observing Earth Day! From April 11-17, there are daily ways to get involved and make a difference for our planet. This year, there are two volunteer opportunities taking place on campus: the residential electronic recycling event on April 13 and a campus litter pick up/theme garden maintenance event on April 17. For more information, check out the Daily Digest or visit [Eagle Impact](#) to sign up.

51 YEARS EARTH DAY WEEK APRIL 11-17

SUNDAY APRIL 11	MONDAY APRIL 12	TUESDAY APRIL 13	WEDNESDAY APRIL 14	THURSDAY APRIL 15	FRIDAY APRIL 16	SATURDAY APRIL 17
 USE WATER WISELY CHOOSE TO REUSE	 meatless MONDAY	 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT	 TURN IT OFF!	 TAKE PERSONAL Responsibility FOR BEING SUSTAINABLE	 KICK THE TIRES TO THE CURB	 KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
	 PLEGE TO make every day	 8:00 am TO 5:00 pm margaret nance parking lot	 Save Energy	 My Ride ROCK HILL FREE	 LITTER PICK UP AHEAD	 COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Winthrop University Office of Sustainability Dining Services Staff Conference
Environmental Science and Studies Program (Interdisciplinary Studies)

Green Garden Tips

- In the spirit of Earth Week, we have a few tips for green gardening!
- Egg cartons, yogurt cups, and other non-recyclable single-use containers can be used to start seeds before planting outdoors.
 - Choosing native plants can mean less work for you and reduce your water usage because they are better suited for our area's soil and rainfall. The [Carolina Yards Plant Database](#) is a great resource for finding native plants in South Carolina!
 - Home composting helps reduce waste going to landfills and gives you a nutrient-rich compost to help your plants!

SPOTLIGHT

on Staff Assembly

Katie Roach Fowler
registered nurse, Health Services



I'm Katie Roach Fowler. I have been at Winthrop since 2015, first as a PRN nurse, and then I came on full time in 2018. I am from Rock Hill. I have four kids: triplet two-year-old girls and a seven-year-old boy. We also have a six-month-old cat named Sonny and a male beta fish named Junior. They both bring lots of joy and craziness to our family.

My nursing background is mostly in emergency medicine. I have been a nurse for almost 12 years now. When we can get away, my husband and I love to spend time in West Jefferson, North Carolina, kayaking and spending time with family and friends. In this stage of our lives, our household is rather chaotic at all times.

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