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# Greeting

## from the new Staff Conference Chair

Linda O'Connor, *assistant manager/marketplace manager, Student Financial Services*



Sometimes I think my life could carry the same title of the famous book series: A Series of Unfortunate Events. I've been through a lot of major changes in my life, each one a bit more challenging and often unexpected than the next. However, one event that was not unfortunate was coming to work for Winthrop University. 14 years ago, I started at Winthrop University with nothing more than a high school diploma, a few part-time jobs, four young children, and a distaste for sweet tea. Since then, my kids have all graduated; I've moved from working at the Dacus Library to the Controller's Office, and now Student Financial Services; I have obtained not only my bachelor's degree, but also my master's degree; and I am the newest chair of Staff Assembly.

I could write a paragraph about my hobbies (video games, going out with friends), my children (I have four of them!!), my cats (#catsforlife) or my hopes and dreams (traveling and personal growth), but the best

way to get to know me, or to know anyone on campus, is to talk to them, spend time at activities and events on campus or volunteer for a committee or, better yet, staff assembly!

As a staff member at Winthrop, I started out as someone who clocked in, did my job, and clocked out. I took the paycheck and I went home. Over time, I started to be more involved. I would help at Orientation check-in, or flip burgers at the Come-See-Me tent. Winthrop grew on me, and if you let it, and you step outside of your comfort zone, you will grow at Winthrop. Oh, and I still dislike sweet tea.

## Save the Dates

**Retirewise Workshops:** September 5, 12, and 19 from 11-12:15 p.m. in DIGs room 221. Register [here](#).

**Benefits and Wellness Fair:** October 1 from 10-2 p.m. in Richardson Ballroom.

**Regional Pre-Retirement Seminar:** November 1 from 8:30-4 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium. Register on the [PEBA Events Calendar](#).

Be sure to regularly check the [HR Wellness website](#) for the most up-to-date event information.

If you have questions, please contact Brittany Cromedy, *benefits and wellness program manager, Human Resources*, at [cromedyb@winthrop.edu](mailto:cromedyb@winthrop.edu) or 803/323-2273.

# New Hires

## Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Henry Bennett, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Jane Blackmon, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Ja'Shaun Blanding, *field coordinator, Social Work*

Amanda Cavin, *Eagle STEM scholars program director, Chemistry, Physics, & Geology*

Stephanie Chicas, *field coordinator, Political Science*

Maura Conway, *administrative assistant, Fine Arts*

Shaniqua Corley-Moore, *academic technologies manager, Computing & Information Technology*

Dave Davis, *associate head men's basketball coach, Athletics*

Laura Davis, *coordinator for recreational services & the West Center, Student Life*

Eli Foy, *assistant strength and conditioning coach, Athletics*

Justin Gray, *assistant men's basketball coach, Athletics*

John Kroft, *registratrion and readmission coordinator, Records and Registration*

Tessa Ritchie, *licensed practical nurse, Health Services*

Isaac Rodgers, *police officer, Campus Police*

Vivian Segnini, *women's tennis coach, Athletics*

Telisa Simon, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Naeema Stennett, *assistant director for fraternity and sorority affairs, Student Life*

Jason Thornton, *associate director for recreational services operations, Student Life*

Sergio Trujillo, *police officer, Campus Police*

Sammira Tucker, *user support technician, Computing & Information Technology*

Emily Wade, *external clients manager, Office of University Events*

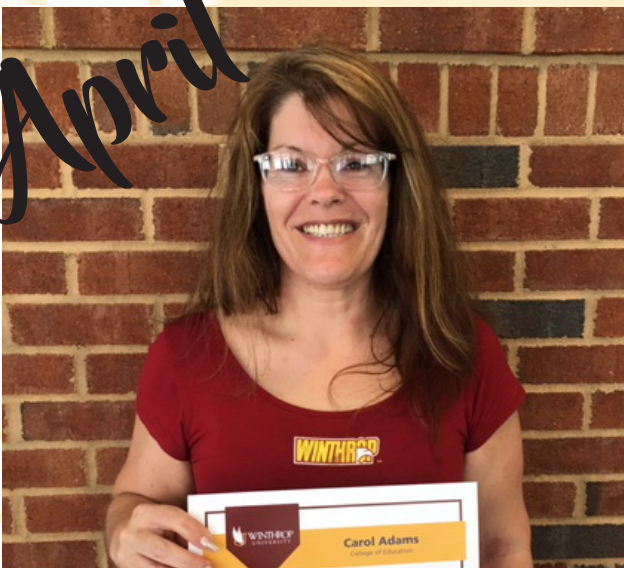
## Finding Big Stuff



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](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. Congratulations to last month's winner:

Jan Patterson, *program specialist, CERRA*.

April



Carol Adams, *administrative specialist, Student Academic Services for Richard W. Riley College of Education*

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

I joined the Winthrop family in September of 2017 working part-time as an assistant to the new online program, Via. Since September of 2018, I am working full-time as the administrative specialist in Student Academic Services.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

Winthrop University faculty, staff, and students are family. We care for one another and endure each other's hardships and accomplishments.

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

When a student comes in with a problem that to them looks like a mountain, and we are able to put them at ease. They walk in almost in tears and walk away with a smile and sometimes a hug. That drives me. Because then, I KNOW we are making a difference not only in them, but in the lives they are touching each day as well.

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

My favorite part of Winthrop University is my "family" I work with each day. From my supervisor who will get in there and roll up her sleeves to tackle a job right along beside me, to my ladies in Student Academic Services that I work alongside each and every day. Knowing whom I get to work with makes me smile each day as I drive into work.

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

In my "spare time", I am a mother to teenage twin

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boys who are starting at Northwestern High School in the fall. One plays on the football team so I get the privilege of shuttling him back and forth to football practice during the summer. I have a young daughter that begins first grade in the fall at Ebinport Elementary School. At the end of this school year, my husband and I were appointed as Vice-President and President of the PTO. My husband and I also lead a marriage ministry group on Monday nights in our home. I enjoy time in the kitchen testing out family-friendly meals that I have converted from standard recipes into WW (formerly known as Weight Watchers) recipes to share on Social Media and with my WW group on Saturday mornings. I am in the process now of becoming a WW Coach to lead my own group on the weekends. My "spare time" is usually full of time with my family but in those rare, quiet moments late at night when the kiddos are fast asleep, I enjoy reading, crocheting, and writing/creating in my bullet journal.

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

You will never get the experience anywhere else that you would get by becoming an Eagle. Winthrop is a family-knit group where we care for EVERYONE. Not just those here on campus, but you are encouraged to go out into the community and give back. We have been teaching our children to find opportunities each day to pay it forward to others because we have been blessed by so much. I can see that standard practiced here also. I would be proud to have one of my children choose Winthrop as part of their journey in life.

May



Jamie Ray, *director of web development, University Communications and Marketing*

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

Nine years.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

The culture on campus and the friendships made working here. It's also my alma mater.

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

I want the university's Web presence to be a beacon for prospective students and a provider of usable information for current students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, etc.

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

Knowing that Winthrop enables and influences

students to become successful and find their own path.

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

Guitar, guitar, guitar...Writing, recording, and producing my own music.

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

You will level up at Winthrop, and you will be engaged to become a student of life.

## Nominations

from left to right: RaLinda Register, *executive support specialist, Student Life*; De Wells, *administrative specialist, Residence Life*; Carol Adams, *administrative specialist, Student Academic Services for Richard W. Riley College of Education*; Craig Gero, *admissions recruiter, Admissions*; and Trey Woodring, *library technical assistant, Dacus Library*.

Not pictured: Patricia Riley, *assistant director of student activities, Student Affairs*.

from left to right: Alexis Roy, *administrative assistant, Philosophy & Religious Studies; Sociology, Criminology, & Anthropology; World Languages & Cultures*; Jamie Ray, *director of web development, University Communications and Marketing*; April Ables, *admissions operations coordinator, Admissions*; and Paula Garofalo, *arts recruitment coordinator, Admissions*.

Not pictured: Kristin Smith, *grants specialist, Grants and Sponsored Research Development*.



# Milestones



Natalie Hozak, *assistant to the athletic director, Athletics*, married Nick Calhoun on July 6.



Daniel Lundy, *associate head athletic trainer, Athletics*, with his wife, Elizabeth, and ring bearer, Flint.

## Staff Conference Highlights

### May

- Staff questions concerned contracting out maintenance on campus, why the Hardin Garden fountains have been turned off, athletics' recruiting expenses, overflowing trash cans, raises and promotions, and if the cost of doing national searches for job openings is justified.
- Callie Smith, *director of new student and family programs, Student Life*, spoke about the upcoming orientation sessions.
- Josh Sides, *head esports coach, Athletics*, gave a presentation on esports and the plans for Winthrop's new team.
- Katie Price, *director of marketing, University Communications and Marketing*; and Jamie Ray, *director of web development, University Communications and Marketing*, announced information about Winthrop's new website design.

# Professional Development Conference

The 2019 Staff Professional Development Conference, held June 26 and June 27, was a great opportunity for staff to learn about a diverse range of topics including poverty on college campuses, coping with change, marketing yourself, successfully working with colleagues, appreciating differences, and understanding Gen Z.



Matt Martin, *associate athletic director for external operations, Athletics*, during his presentation on crafting an elevator speech for your brand.



Leigh Poole, *director, International Center*.



Jannifer Tucker, *library specialist, Dacus Library*.



Kim Foster, *admissions counselor, Admissions*.



JoAnn Gilley, *administrative assistant, Office of Financial Aid*.

# Get Involved

## Join a staff committee!

### Campus & Community Involvement

E-mail [adamsb@winthrop.edu](mailto:adamsb@winthrop.edu)

Committee members coordinate social, volunteer, and other activities to provide staff with opportunities to interact outside of their normal job roles. The committee has been able to coordinate opportunities for staff to get involved with Food Truck Fridays in downtown Rock Hill, Food Drives, Pink Out Day, Cookie Exchange, as well as the City of Rock Hill's Come-See-Me festival in the spring.

### Elections & Nominations

E-mail [bestr@winthrop.edu](mailto:bestr@winthrop.edu)

The committee is responsible for conducting elections of Staff Assembly representatives when there is a vacant seat or when Staff Assembly representative seats have expired.

### Media & Communications

E-mail: [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu)

The committee gathers staff news and helps put together the Staff Stuff Newsletter.

### Professional Development

E-mail [willism@winthrop.edu](mailto:willism@winthrop.edu)

The committee members initiate staff development opportunities. The group looks at a wide variety of interests among staff members and looks to bring training and informational sessions to staff.

### Recognition

E-mail [knightm@winthrop.edu](mailto:knightm@winthrop.edu)

Committee members increase awareness of the contributions that staff make to Winthrop and this group helps promote the recognition of outstanding staff. We have staff nominations submitted to this committee each month a staff member of the month winner who wins a Winthrop prize bag filled with goodies — including a parking pass near your building, and a free one-month membership to the West Center.

### Staff Feedback

E-mail [houghw@winthrop.edu](mailto:houghw@winthrop.edu)

The committee is responsible for following up on the questions/concerns that are submitted to staff assembly and are addressed at Staff Conference. The committee will monitor, conduct research and/or collect additional information on an questions/concerns if needed. This committee will keep record of all the questions that are submitted during the Q&A session at Staff Conference and the responses.

# 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.

## 2019-2020 Staff Assembly Representatives

Megan Baggarly - Student Affairs

Jonathan Brabson - Athletics

Kara Cauthen - Academic Affairs

Thomas Cornelius - Academic Affairs

Katie Gawronski - Access and Enrollment Management

April Hershey - Academic Affairs

Chris Johnson - Finance and Business

Lydia Johnson - Finance and Business

Jessica Martin - Student Affairs

Kirk McSwain - Office of the President

Claire Mooney-Melvin - Athletics

Brittany Neely - University Advancement

Linda O'Connor - Finance and Business

Tanya Pettus - Human Resources

## Thank you to our outgoing representatives:

Nicole Chisari - University Relations

Julia Fockler - Access and Enrollment Management

Wes Love - Finance and Business

Alicia Marstall - Student Affairs

Kelly McGinnis - Athletics

## We appreciate all of your service to our campus!

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

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