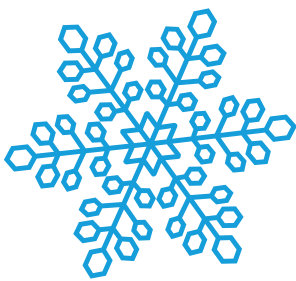


STAFF stuff

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Staff



Conference

Holiday Social

Join us December 12 at 2 p.m. in
Richardson Ballroom for our Holiday
Social/Sweet Treat Exchange!



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STAFF MEMBER of the month

Amanda James, *assistant to the vice president, Access and Enrollment Management*



How many years have you been at Winthrop?

One AMAZING year (17 months to be exact).

What makes Winthrop special to you?

The people — staff, faculty, and students make Winthrop.

What drives you to make such a difference?

The students. I chose a career in higher education to help students explore their dreams and realize their potential. The best moments are the ones with students — a student deciding Winthrop is going to be their home for four plus years, or a student saying hello to me on campus or dropping by my office to tell me a story or get some advice. These moments keep me passionate about my job and about Winthrop.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

The people I work with every day.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

Traveling, reading, and wine.

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

If you are looking for a college experience that will allow you to realize your dreams, explore new areas of thought and get involved in campus life, Winthrop is the place for you! The opportunities available to you on this campus — undergraduate research, leadership organizations, productions and exhibits in the arts, civic engagement — are going to allow you to build upon and strengthen who you are and who you want to be. You have a campus full of people who want to help you succeed!

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: Joan Weir, *administrative assistant, Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.*

S.M.O.T.M. Nominees



Felicia Watson, *custodial worker, Facilities Management.*



Debbie McKenzie, *registered nurse, Health Services*; and Alexa Allen, *administrative specialist, Human Nutrition.*

not pictured: Joanna Harris, education services coordinator, Richard W. Riley College of Education.

Nominations for Staff Member of the Month are due at the end of each month and can be submitted below!

<https://www.winthrop.edu/staff/employeeofmonth/>



WU Milestones



Residence Life staff pose for a picture at the Homecoming Alumni Faculty/Staff Luncheon on November 13.



Laura Foster, *director of volunteer and community services, Center for Career and Civic Engagement*, coordinated 20+ students who gave out water, worked at a booth, or registered participants at the York County CROP Hunger Walk event on November 4.



Jayme Charles, *administrative specialist, World Languages and Cultures*, and Winthrop alum Daniel Xavier Jones Charles '16, '18 got married in Richburg, South Carolina on October 20! (CMoorefield Photography)



Ken Scoggins, *chief of police, Campus Police*, was inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame's Hall of Honor!

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

- Christine Fisher, *ABC project director, Visual and Performing Arts*
- Belle Girona, *senior instructional designer, Accreditation, Accountability, and Academic Services*
- Hank Harrawood, *associate athletic director for student success and compliance, Athletics*
- Lauren Harris, *police officer, Campus Police*
- Tracey Smith, *business operations manager, Athletics*

SPOTLIGHT on Giving

This holiday season, there are three great opportunities on campus to give back to our community and make a difference for children in need!

Staff Conference is partnering with students from Sullivan Middle School on a **Christmas Toy Drive** for children in need. New or gently used unwrapped toys can be brought to Kelly Scott in Tillman 102 through **December 7**.

Dacus Library is collecting donations for the **Toys for Tots** program. New, unwrapped toys can be placed in the library's donation bin through **December 13**.

Toys for Happiness helps 1,800 children from approximately 800 families in Rock Hill and York each year, and they need volunteers! Volunteers to pack bags are needed on **December 7** and **December 10-13**. Volunteers are also needed on Monday, **December 17** to help distribute toys. Contact Elizabeth Starnes at estarnes@unitedwayofyc.org for more information about available times or if you are interested in volunteering.



SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly



Thomas Cornelius
*instructional designer, Accreditation,
Accountability, and Academic Services*

I have been an instructional designer at Winthrop for two years. I mainly provide assistance to faculty and staff with Blackboard, which includes course design, training, and general troubleshooting. I also teach a section of HMXP and facilitate courses for online teaching certification. I prefer cold weather, and in my spare time I enjoy running and reading. Most importantly my cat, Juneau, is my best friend.

Holiday Events



Admissions staff and students on the Winthrop float during Rock Hill's Christmasville parade.



Katie Price, *director of marketing*; Kaye Hayes, *communications coordinator*; and Judy Longshaw, *media services manager*; from University Communications and Marketing with Santa.

Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions regarded when departments can expect to learn their spring budgets, why Winthrop does not offer discounted tuition to employees' children, causes and remedies for low enrollment, whether Winthrop will add any engineering degrees, whether information about the work of the Winthrop Plan focus groups can be put on the website, and what is happening with the 12% royalty fee that Ryder Engraving was charging for the new logo on nametags.
- Linda O'Connor, *assistant manager, Student Financial Services*, is the new vice chair for Staff Assembly.
- Terri Haynes, *benefits administrator, Human Resources*, presented information about the new Perks program available to staff members.
- Eduardo Prieto, *vice president, Access and Enrollment Management*, gave more information about enrollment efforts.
- Katie Price, *director of marketing, University Communications and Marketing*, showed the new Winthrop license plates available in South Carolina
- There will be no regular Staff Conference meeting in December.

More information can be found in the minutes on our webpage!

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.



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