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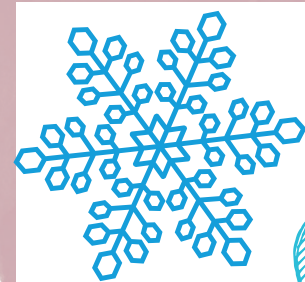
President Dan Mahony and First Lady
Laura Mahony invite you to a

Holiday Celebration

in honor of Winthrop University
faculty and staff

Thursday, December 12, 2019
1-3 p.m.
President's House





Staff



Conference

International Holiday Party

Join us December 10 at 2 p.m. in Richardson Ballroom to celebrate the holiday season! There will be food to showcase the rich heritage of the different holidays during this time of year. Those that wish to are encouraged to bring a dozen cookies to share for dessert. Wear your favorite holiday sweater, and share a photo on the Staff Facebook page!



New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Audrey Allen, *netSERVE project director, Richard W. Reilly College of Education*

Thomas George, *Winthrop region director, Small Business Development Center*

Scott Hoffmann, *classification and compensation specialist, Human Resources*



Pet Food Drive!

Campus and Community Involvement is sponsoring a pet food drive! Donations will go to Meals on Wheels recipients through the York County Council on Aging. Please consider donating wet and dry food, treats, bedding, and toys for both dogs and cats. The drive goes through Friday, December 13. Donation bins are located across campus:

Bancroft – Near room 202

Dacus – Just inside the main entrance

Dalton Hall – Main middle entrance

DiGS – First floor lobby (near ATM's)

Dinkins – Main foyer

Johnson – Main lobby

Joynes Hall – Main desk

Kinard – 107 Kinard

Thurmond – Second floor near the dean's office

Tillman – Main hallway

West Center – Commuter lounge

Withers – Main entrance on Eden Terrace side



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: Teri Haddaway, *administrative specialist, Mathematics*.

Spotlight on the West Center

Did you know that faculty/staff West Center memberships are only \$20/month? The West Center offers many amenities for members: basketball courts, racquetball courts, swimming pool, climbing wall, weight room, cardio machines, indoor track, and personal lockers. As a faculty/staff member, you also can take part in Intramural Sports and Group Fitness Classes. All of our student & faculty/staff instructors are certified and excited to teach patrons of all levels. Classes include Zumba, Yoga, Cardio Hip Hop, and Spin. For both programs, our WU RecSports App is used for scheduling and pre-registration. We also offer spouse/partner (\$15/month) and children under the age of 24 (\$10/month) memberships. What differentiates us from other gyms in the area is we have no contract, you can join and cancel at any time, only those having a Winthrop affiliation can join, and our children rate is one set fee regardless of how many children are in your family. Several methods of payment for memberships are offered: payroll deduction, credit card through our online option, or pay by cash/check to our office in 211 West Center. Visit our Membership Page for more information or contact *Laura Husser Davis, coordinator for recreational services & West Center, Student Life*, via e-mail (davislh@winthrop.edu) or at extension 2390.

For all up-to-date information, see our West Center Hours and follow us on:
Facebook: WU Recreational Services Instagram: WU Rec Twitter: @WU Rec

Toys for Happiness



Toys for Happiness is looking for volunteers with their annual toy drive! In partnership with the United Way of York County, this program helps to provide gifts for children in our community who wouldn't receive anything for Christmas otherwise. Volunteers are needed throughout the month of December to help with sorting, packing, and distributing the toys. Instructions for how to sign up are available on the Volunteer Sign-Up page.

Staff Photos!



Many Winthrop staff members participated in this year's York County CROP Walk to fight hunger in our community.



Julika Blankenship, *head women's lacrosse coach, Athletics*, welcomed new baby Levi on September 17! She is pictured here with her big sister, Vivi. Congratulations!



It's been a big season for volleyball! Our team finished the season with an impressive 14-0 season, and Chuck Rey, *head women's volleyball coach, Athletics*, was named Coach of the Year by the Big South Conference for the second year in a row!

Tell us Your Story!

Tell us your love story! We want to hear about staff members and their sweethearts for Valentine's Day (especially if Winthrop played a special role in bringing you together). Send a picture and your story to cauthenk@winthrop.edu, and you could be featured in the next Staff Stuff!



SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

Chris Johnson

sustainability coordinator, Facilities Management

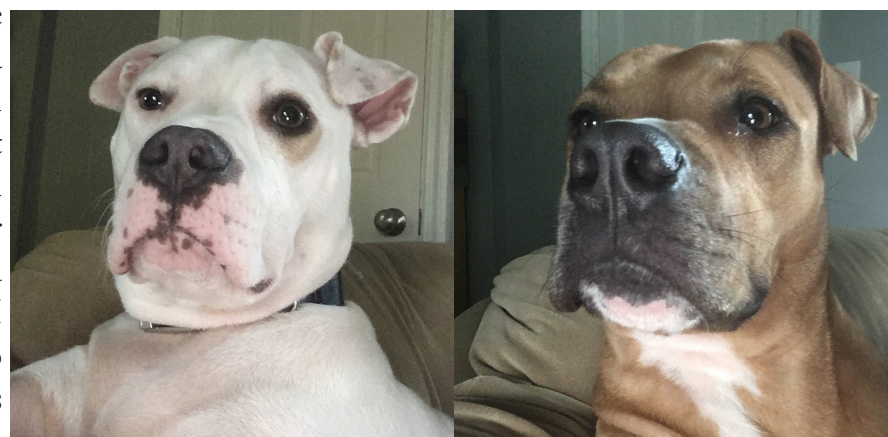


I have worked at Winthrop since September 2011. In my role, I work with a diverse group of people in all corners of the campus. I track Winthrop's annual energy and water use as well as our recycling rates. I coordinate several sustainability

Practices. Since 2011, I have written and received nearly \$200,000 in grants to meet the goals of the Office of Sustainability.

I graduated from Winthrop in 1999 with a B.F.A in interior design, and graduated from UNC Charlotte with a Master of Architecture degree in 2005. Prior to Winthrop, I worked at The FWA Group, the architecture firm that designed the West Center and Carroll Hall (I was project designer for Carroll Hall).

Since 2010, I have ran 14 marathons in 12 different states - my goal is to run a marathon in all 50 states. However, I look for marathons that are scenic or has something interesting to see along the course. In April, I ran the Blue Ridge Marathon in Roanoke, Virginia, and in May, ran the Horse Capital Marathon in Lexington, Kentucky. I also enjoy camping and often look for marathons where there is good camping. My partner and I have two rescue dogs, Coral and Cortney.



Staff Conference Highlights

- Chris Johnson, *sustainability coordinator, Facilities Management*, answered staff questions regarding recycling and presented information about Winthrop's sustainability efforts.
- Amanda Stewart, *scholarship administration manager, University Advancement*, announced that Miranda Knight had been elected to the Ombuds Advisory Committee and that Jayme Charles was the new Finance & Business representative to Staff Assembly. An e-mail regarding nominations for the Student Life representative opening will be going out soon.
- LeeAnn Pounds, *employee relations manager, Human Resources*, shared information about PerksConnect, a discount program available to Winthrop staff members.
- Laura Foster, *director of volunteer and community services, Center for Career and Civic Engagement*, announced that students will be collecting canned food for MLK Day 2020 in order to build two food pantries.
- April Hershey, *assistant to the dean, Graduate School*, announced that a short survey will be e-mailed to faculty, staff, and students soon asking what Winthrop does well and does not do well. This survey will be used to help prepare for the next SACS accreditation cycle.

For more details, you can view the [PowerPoint presentation](#) or read the [minutes](#) online.

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.

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