



## Staff Graduates



Congratulations to Claire Mooney-Melvin, *director of academic services, Athletics*, on earning her M.B.A., and Ken Scoggins, *chief, Campus Police*, on earning his B.A. in sociology with a criminology concentration. John Collins, *head men's tennis coach, Athletics*, also earned an M.B.A., and Yasmin Kirkwood, *fiscal technician, Student Financial Services*, earned her M.B.A. with an emphasis in accounting.

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# STAFF MEMBER of the month November

Laura Ramsey, *cashier supervisor, Cashiers Office.*



**How many years have you been at Winthrop?** 19 years in February.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?** The friendly atmosphere all around campus, and the people you work with are like part of your family.

**What drives you every day to make such a difference?** When students and parents know that we have helped them to the best of our ability and they are very appreciative.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?** Having a manager that has made major improvements to our department, and the

relationships that we build with our students and fellow coworkers.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?** I spend time with my three granddaughters, and I love making different things using essential oils.

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?** I let the incoming students know that any questions or concerns they have that they don't know where to go with, that we will direct them to the right place. We want to ensure that they have a great experience while they are here at Winthrop.

## S.M.O.T.M. nominees



from left to right: Linda O'Connor, *assistant manager, Student Financial Services*; Laura Ramsey, *cashier supervisor, Cashiers Office*; Lee Clark, *administrative assistant, Department of Social Work*; Mary Ellen Lorow, *administrative specialist, live text coordinator, Macfeat Early Childhood Laboratory School*; Ciera Frierson, *admissions counselor, Admissions*; Laura Johnson, *associate director of the West Center for operations, Student Recreational Services*; Kay Stewart, *medical laboratory technician, Health Services*.  
not pictured: Leslie Miller, *academic success coordinator, University College*; Mark Prosser, *associate head men's basketball coach; Athletics*; Nancy White, *head circulation library manager, Dacus Library*.

# STAFF MEMBER of the month December

Daniela Aguilar, *admissions coordinator, Graduate School.*



**How many years have you been at Winthrop?** I have only been at Winthrop for one year and a couple of months. It feels like much longer though. I have learned a lot in this year. Also, the people here have made it feel very comfortable, which makes it feel like home.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?** The people that I work with have made

Winthrop very special. I love working with them, and they make every aspect of our operation very enjoyable.

**What drives you every day to make such a difference?** I truly enjoy working with people that are thinking about furthering their education through a graduate degree, so

helping people navigate what can be a very intimidating process gives me joy. It's very gratifying to meet them at the front end when they are first applying, and then seeing them at the end when they graduate.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?** I like the fact that Winthrop is a smaller institution. This means that it's way easier to get to know people and makes it very homey. I also really enjoy the architecture of the campus, which makes walking around very pleasant.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?** I love reading fiction and fantasy books, so I spend a lot of time reading and then going to different bookstores in Charlotte. I also enjoy cooking and trying out new recipes.

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?** This is a place where you can get the right tools to succeed in life. Everyone here is cheering you on and wants to help you, so take advantage of that.

## S.M.O.T.M. nominees



from left to right: Alicia Hyatt, *alumni engagement coordinator, Alumni Relations*; Daniela Aguilar, *admissions coordinator, Graduate School*; Kara Cauthen, *administrative specialist, Department of English*; Lee Clark, *administrative assistant, Department of Social Work*.  
not pictured: Jeanie Sue Mann, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*; Curlene Moise, *administrative specialist, Counseling, Leadership, and Educational Studies*; Susan Sistar, *administrative specialist, Office of Accessibility*.

# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

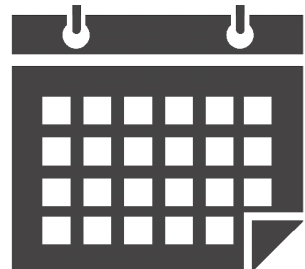
This month's spotlight is on Wes Love, *project manager, Facilities Management*.



Wes Love was born, raised, and still lives in the big town of Clover, South Carolina. He attended Clemson University where he earned a B.S. in architecture before coming to Winthrop to earn his M.B.A. He has worked in Facilities Management for almost 16 years, which means he has been involved in a lot of different things! He was hired on as a project manager when the university was starting its major master plan campaign, which involved a lot of people and a lot of work changing the campus. Among many others, two of his most recognized projects are the Campus Center and the West Center. Some of his favorite projects on campus involve the students directly. For example, he has spent many years working with Shaun Cassidy, *professor, Department of Fine Arts*, and the sculpture students completing public works of art around the campus and community.

Outside of work, he spends most of his time on the family farm. He lives in his grandparents' 100+ year old farmhouse with his wife, 10-year-old son, and soon-to-be 8-year-old daughter. They do anything and everything outside, including hobby farming, riding horses, hunting, fishing, hiking, and traveling to the mountains or coastal areas for more outdoor activities. He is also very involved with local area cub scouts, and is his son's den leader. He is also an elder at Bowling Green Presbyterian Church, where he is over the Stewardship and Building and Grounds committees.

## Web Stuff Committee Corner



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](http://www.winthrop.edu/staff)



Professional Development Committee is busy working on the agenda and rounding up speakers, so keep a lookout for updates in the coming months!

# MLK Day of Service



Bethany Marlowe, *dean of students, Student Affairs*; Ellen Wilder-Byrd, *associate vice president of university relations, Office of Communications and Marketing*; Kirk McSwain, *assistant to the chief of staff, Office of the President*; and Summersby Okey, *operations manager, Social and Behavioral Research Lab*, serve on the City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council. They helped to plan and carry out the MLK Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 15.



Mat O'Brien, *graduate assistant*, and Tom Injaychock, *associate director of career development, Center for Career and Civic Engagement* unload supplies at Castle Heights Middle School during the MLK Day of Service.



Frank Ardiolo, *vice president, Student Life*, received the Dream Keeper Award at the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. He was described as a man who exemplifies the ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence, and unselfish service in our community. He is pictured here with Rock Hill Mayor John Gettys.



## In Loving Memory

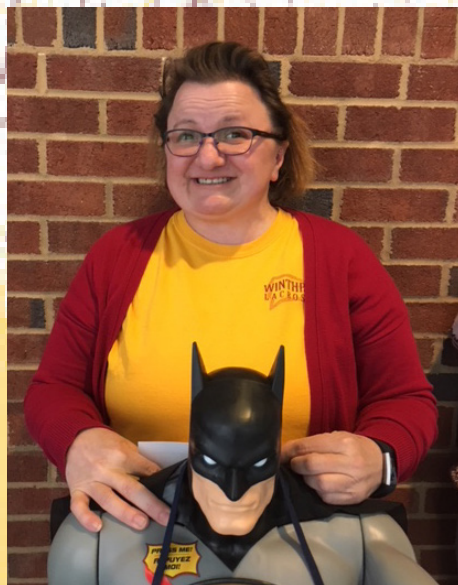
Ann Thomas, a library technical assistant in Dacus Library, passed away on January 5 after a short battle with cancer. She was 70 years old.

Thomas joined the Winthrop community in 1988 and served in various roles, most notably as an interlibrary loan assistant. Her friends described her as someone always ready to lend an ear to others' stories.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Humane Society of York County or to Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

# Staff Advocate of the month

This new award recognizes staff members for their commitment to creating an accessible campus so all students have an equal opportunity to succeed!



**October's Winner**  
Dawn Sayer, *assistant director of assignments and administration, Residence Life.*



**November's Winner**  
Jackie Concodora, *director of health and counseling services, Health Services.*



**December's Winner**  
Miranda Knight, *assistant dean of students, Student Affairs.*

# Who Are We?

## The College of Business Administration

*The College of Business Administration is home to three academic departments, the Center for Economic Education, and the Small Business Development Center. Get to know some of the staff who help keep it running smoothly below!*

**Ann Biggerstaff** is the administrative coordinator and manages the budget, purchasing, staffing and assists the dean. She loves spending time with her two grandchildren, vintage shopping with her daughter, gardening and reading.

**Melissa "Lisa" Davis** is an administrative specialist in the college. She has been at Winthrop for 28 years, working in the same department. She will retire in June 2018, and looks forward to starting a new chapter in her life.

**Laurie Grove** is the student services program coordinator. She has been with Winthrop for one year. In this role, she primarily focuses on problem solving/trouble shooting academic issues, some academic advising, and providing students and faculty with academic information using Degree Works and Banner. She processes Change of Curriculum forms, CBA petitions for CBA Petitions Committee review, course overrides, etc., and works with Records and Registration regarding Degree Works issues/changes. Her role also includes assisting with Freshman and Transfer Orientation for CBA students and working with human resources to process new hire and payroll information for adjunct faculty. She moved here from Pennsylvania in 2013, and loves living in the south. She enjoys staying active through walking and running 5Ks.

**Christopher Holloman** is an administrative specialist

whose primary responsibility is to provide support to faculty, students and sometimes other staff in the College of Business Administration. Holloman said sometimes this support is as simple as making copies, answering incoming calls, placing items on the hall monitor or getting supplies, while sometimes the support is more involved as with overseeing the logistics of events and providing support during the event, or assisting with the CBA tutoring program by completing hiring paperwork, preparing schedules and approving time sheets. She has been at Winthrop for seven years. Holloman placed first on the shooting range while at the S.C. Department of Corrections Academy and second place while at the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. She lives on an 80-acre timber farm in Winnsboro, S.C.

**Melvin Young** is the educational technology coordinator. He has overseen and supported the various technology needs of the faculty/staff in the college for 18 years. Young has had many memorable opportunities in the role, including his first experience on an airplane in 2002 when former dean Roger Weikle allowed him the opportunity to travel to Germany and Austria on an International Field Experience trip. Another fun fact: He didn't experience one of the greatest places on earth (Disney World) until he became a working adult at Winthrop University.

Other staff include **Erica Crawford**, administrative specialist; **Carol Daly**, administrative assistant and consultant for the Small Business Development Center; and **Terese Green-Thomas**, administrative specialist.

# Walk 2018



Walk 2018 is a yearlong walking/running program designed to help and encourage current Faculty/Staff and West Center members to keep moving all year long. A total of 93 participants signed up solo or in teams of two, three, or four, with the final goal of walking/running 2,018 miles before the end of the year. Solo participants will complete all 2,018 miles on their own, but teams will work together to reach the final amount. Registration for this year's program is closed, but that doesn't mean you can't challenge yourself to complete your own walking or running goals!

Throughout the year, we'll be including updates on the participants' progress, photos, favorite walking routes, and motivational tips. Send yours to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) if you want to be included in a future newsletter!

# New Hires

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

Megan Baggarly, *career and service learning consultant, Career and Civic Engagement*; Adrienne Edwards, *director of human development and family studies, Counseling, Leadership, and Educational Studies*; Clovia Hamilton, *assistant professor, Department of Management and Marketing*; Chuck Rey, *head women's volleyball coach, Athletics*; Troy Sanders, *service desk manager, Computing and Information Technology*; Katharyne Tedford, *osha compliance officer, Facilities Management*; Keon Williams, *programmer analyst, Accreditation and Accountability.*

# WU Milestones



Congratulations to Seth Faulkner, *athletic trainer, Athletics*; and his wife, Samantha, on the birth of their daughter! Peyton Grace arrived on November 6, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz., and measuring 22 in. long.



Staff dressed up for an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest at the annual Finance and Business Christmas party.



Mary Jo Barreto, *assistant director, Health Services*; and her husband, Rich, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild on November 22! The proud parents are their daughter, Anna Katherine Townsend, and her husband, Denny.



The Mighty Geo 1995-2017

Originally from Buffalo, New York, and a resident of the McLaurin parking lot from July 20, 1998 until November 30, 2017, The Mighty Geo was the finest car on the planet\*. Making people smile wherever it went, TMG is survived by a rather large oil stain and several outdated maps of the southeast. Its hobbies included road trips, frustrating mechanics, and being a parade of one. The southern heat tried to break it, but only succeeded in breaking a few door handles over time. The important parts were indestructible. It will be deeply missed by all who knew it, and was a joy to its owner.

\*Opinions vary.



The fountain in front of Tillman Hall froze temporarily at the beginning of the year.

# 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.



*back, from left to right: Kaye Burks, benefits administrator, Human Resources, Employee Diversity and Wellness; Amanda Hackney, assistant to the dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Lori Tuttle, executive director of alumni relations and annual giving, Alumni Relations; Kirk McSwain, assistant to the chief of staff, Office of the President; Alicia Marstall, director, DiGiorgio Campus Center; Susan Sauvigne, administrative specialist, College of Visual and Performing Arts; Becky Best, groundskeeper supervisor, Facilities Management.*

*front: Jessica Cassel, procurement manager, Procurement and Risk Management; Jackie Concodora, director of health and counseling services, Health Services; Maria D'Agostino, associate registrar, Records and Registration; Nicole Chisari, communications coordinator, Office of University Communications and Marketing; Kelly McGinnis, administrative specialist, Athletics; Julia Fockler, financial aid counselor, Office of Financial Aid.*

*not pictured: Penny Cotter, administrative specialist, Athletics; Wes Love, project manager, Facilities Management.*

## 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: Jayme Keefer, *administrative specialist, World Languages and Cultures.*

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