

STAFF stuff

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We want to hear
from YOU!

There are two opportunities to be featured in the next issue of Staff Stuff:

- 1) In honor of National Reading Month, tell us what your favorite book is!
- 2) Show off your St. Patrick's Day spirit by sending in a photo of your green outfit or office decorations!

E-mail your submissions to cauthenk@winthrop.edu.



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Starr Albert, *campus engagement specialist, Admissions*



What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

Besides coming to a clean, beautiful, and great diverse campus, I feel safe here while at work. I am rewarded daily while meeting and greeting prospective students and their families from South Carolina, throughout the United States and the whole world. Being part of Winthrop's workforce that loves sharing knowledge so we all can be successful also makes me want to remain at Winthrop forever!

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

Since I am my Dad's main caregiver when not at work, I love watching sports, both here and on television, and Hallmark movies with him, and making table centerpieces for my church for various events. I love spending time with my family and grandchildren too!

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

Just one thing is hard, but Winthrop has something for everyone (first time freshmen, military, adults of all ages) with the wide range of majors (undergraduate and graduate); smaller classrooms so professors can get to know you; clubs, student services, and resources; and professors, faculty, staff, and coaches who truly care about you, and you being successful in life because of your Winthrop education and experience. To learn more about these wonderful things Winthrop has to offer, come by the Office of Admissions, and let us help you get the information you need today!

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

This coming summer it will be TEN years I have been at Winthrop. Love this place!

What makes Winthrop special to you?

What makes Winthrop special to me is the friendly, family community atmosphere here among the staff, faculty, and students and their families! I love being able to meet and greet so many guests and interact with our campus population, and I try to make it a point to learn the new folks on campus and call them by their first name. Winthrop has so many resources to offer students of all ages here too and that is special.

What drives you to make such a difference?

The Office of Admissions has so many cool, smart, and hard-working employees who are dedicated like I am to the recruitment and retention of Winthrop students, and I get an opportunity to make a difference by bragging about our beautiful campus and the value of Winthrop's education and experience here daily.

SMOOTH Nominees



from left to right: Daniel Hevelow, *smart classroom technician, Computing & Information Technology*; Stacy Carter, *administrative assistant, Fine Arts*; Jessica Brown, *registered nurse, Health Services*; and Starr Albert, *campus engagement specialist, Admissions*.

not pictured: Ciara Frierson, *admissions counselor, Admissions* and Ani Subotic, *admissions counselor, Admissions*.

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Peter Airheart, *senior designer, University Communications & Marketing*

Mary Boatwright, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Rachel Glover, *program assistant, International Center*

Kelley Kish, *senior associate athletic director, Athletics*

Anny McDonald, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Leah McMillan, *CPOPR operations manager, Political Science*

Jessica Van Cleave, *enrollment marketing coordinator, Access & Enrollment Management*

Changing Roles

Lee Clark, formerly of Social Work, is now an online learning technician in the Office of Online Learning!

If you've received a promotion or moved to a new department, send an e-mail to cauthenk@winthrop.edu so we can celebrate with you!

Rock Hill's Poet Laureate



Angelo Geter '08 currently serves as the director of campus programming here at Winthrop. He has served in this role since 2015. He was also recently named as the Poet Laureate for the City of Rock Hill in November. In this role, he functions as the official poet of the city and will read poems at city events, functions and activities. He is also working on endeavors to create various events and workshops in the city for youth to encourage their artistic expression through writing. His plans are to create a poetry festival, monthly workshop series for youth, open mic events and other activities to engage Rock Hill.

Upcoming events:

March 12 - She Speaks All Female Showcase. 7 p.m. Center for the Arts. Rock Hill, SC
March 26 - Vibes & Verses Open Mic. 7 p.m. Island Bar & Grill. Rock Hill, SC



Meet Dr. Hynd!



Winthrop's new interim president, Dr. George Hynd, took the time to answer a few questions to introduce himself to staff!

1. Could you tell us a little about the new first family?

Alison and I are both psychologists with special interests in child neuropsychology. We have two children. Erin is our oldest, and she is in her first year of medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Elise just graduated from the University of Georgia and will be entering a graduate program in business analytics there. Our 13-year-old Golden Retriever is named Curry and loves, absolutely loves, to be petted. So if anyone sees her on campus, be prepared!

2. What are your favorite hobbies in your free time?

Ah, free time? Alison and I definitely enjoy traveling together, having just this past summer taken a river cruise down the Rhine River in Europe. When we do have free time, I enjoy reading (usually history or a good John Grisham book), coin collecting and the allure of golf. Alison swam competitively in high school, played water polo in college and still enjoys swimming for exercise. She is a sports enthusiast, so I suspect you will see her at many of Winthrop's athletic events. She also enjoys volunteering at the hospital, usually in infant ICU.

3. What are your first impressions of Winthrop's campus?

It is a beautiful campus, and we especially admire the red brick buildings. Unlike many university campuses today, the old and new buildings fit well together in style and reflect the collective vision that previous presidents have brought in developing a campus that is both beautiful and functional. President DiGiorgio, in particular, was widely respected for his efforts years ago to work on beautifying the campus. The vision he had and pursued over his many years as president continues to pay dividends in the beautiful campus we see today.

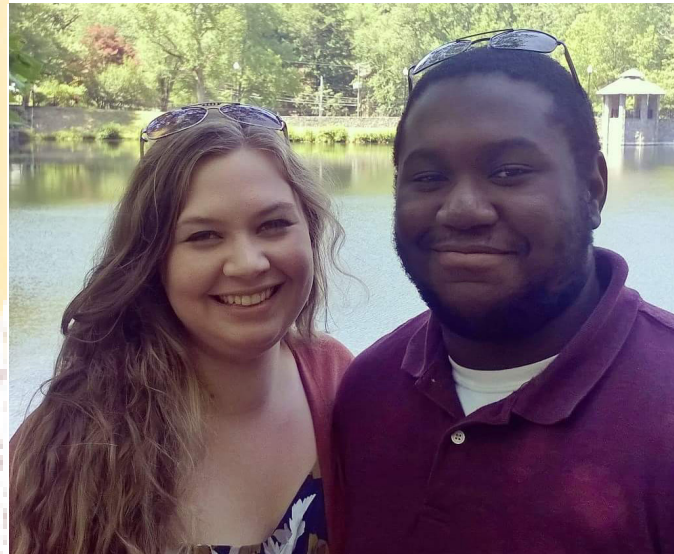
4. What projects are you most excited to tackle as interim president?

I am very excited about the opportunity to continue the efforts that have been invested in the Winthrop Plan. Clearly we need to think strategically and have the information we need to make the challenging decisions that lay ahead. Additionally, there will be opportunities to reach out to supporters, alumni, legislators and those in the private sector to garner support to address issues related to faculty and staff salaries, diversity on campus, and the need for more scholarships.

Finally, I look forward to pursuing a campus master planning initiative as that will again afford the entire university campus community the opportunity to collaborate with the City of Rock Hill in visioning how the university will look and what facilities it will need to best meet the needs of students today and those we anticipate being on campus 10 years from now.

SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

Jayne Charles
administrative coordinator, Computing & Information Technology



Jayne and her husband, Daniel Charles '16, '18.

Winthrop was my first “grown-up” job. I started working at Winthrop in August 2017 right after I finished my bachelor’s in communication from Queens University of Charlotte. I was an administrative specialist in the World Languages & Cultures department before moving to IT as their administrative coordinator in April of 2019. In my role, I support the various areas of the Computing & Information Technology department, manage billing for technology purchases, run the IT social media accounts, and manage all campus cell phones.

I recently graduated in May 2019 from Queens University with my master’s degree in

communication. While I’m sad to say goodbye to being a student at Queens after six years, I’m happy to call Winthrop my new university home. I have always been amazed by how welcoming and helpful everyone is regardless of where they are on campus.

Since starting at Winthrop, I’ve gotten married, made incredible friends with my coworkers, bought a house, attended both my master’s graduation as well as my husband’s (from Winthrop, I might add!), and welcomed a furbaby into our family. It’s been an incredible couple of years and I’m excited to see what new opportunities Winthrop brings!



The newest member of the Charles family, Roy.

Staff Photos



Amanda Stewart '03, '05, *scholarships and programs manager, University Advancement*, won the York County Young Professional of the Year Award given by the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce! She is pictured here (right) with her wife, Kim Stewart '10.



The spring 2020 Welcome to Winthrop group of new staff members!

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: Alexis Roy, *administrative assistant, Philosophy & Religious Studies; Sociology, Criminology, & Anthropology; and World Languages & Cultures.*

