

STAFF stuff

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Come-See-Me stuff

Thanks to the Campus & Community Involvement committee for their hard work at the Winthrop tent during this year's Come-See-Me festival!



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STAFF MEMBER of the month

Donald Davis, *courtyard building manager, Facilities Management.*



How many years have you been at Winthrop? I came to Winthrop in 2008 as a student, and worked as a student worker until 2010 when I became full time.

What makes Winthrop special to you? It is my alma mater, and the friends I have made while working here.

What drives you to make such a difference? I just like to make sure the students feel as if they are home. It is easier for them to transition to college life when their living area feels like home.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop? The relationships created with my coworkers.

What do you do in your spare time? I enjoy spending time with my wife and two sons. I am an avid outdoorsman.

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be? It is a tightknit and caring community. There is always someone around willing to go the extra step for you.

S.M.O.T.M. nominees

from left to right: Kara Cauthen, *administrative specialist, Department of English*; Liz Moore, *residential learning coordinator, Residence Life*; Amanda Marshall, *residential learning coordinator, Residence Life*; and Chris Childers, *postal specialist, Postal Center.*



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: Evelyn Cameron, *licensed practical nurse, Health Services.*

Who Are We? Richard W. Riley College of Education

Carol Adams is originally from Lexington, North Carolina, and has been at Winthrop since September 2017. She is the LiveText assistant, and aspires to be the next Via guru. She is here to train students on the use of Via and assist faculty with inputting rubrics and templates. She also maintains the LiveText website. Her hobbies outside of work are helping her husband with building their marriage ministry, doing yard work, and crafting (whether it be crafts with her kids, or crocheting and making wreaths by herself). She is also on the Campus and Community Involvement Committee here at Winthrop.

Ronda Collins is the administrative specialist for Student Academic Services. This December will mark her fourth year at Winthrop. She was born and raised in Rock Hill, and went to USC-Columbia for her bachelor's in visual communications. She still calls Columbia her second home. When she is not in the office, she is wedding planning. There is a ton left to do before her August wedding in Vegas! She also loves cooking, camping, and going to concerts.

Jen Fricke, executive support specialist, has lived in the Carolinas for 12 years after escaping Indiana and the Midwest weather. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Ball State University, and has worked at Winthrop for six years. She and her husband like being outdoors by hiking, kayaking, and biking. She also enjoys running with their dog, Miles.

Ruth Gaylor assists with advising, registration, transcript evaluation, and more for the nine majors in the College of Education. She has been at Winthrop since July 2010, so she is getting ready to start her ninth year this July. She was born in Chicago, and lived in Illinois, Indiana with a short stint in Minnesota before moving to Atlanta in 1998. She has three baby angels – JJ, who will be six in May; his sister, Emma, who is three; and their cousin, Bjorn, who will be four in May – who are her main hobby. She also loves to read, take bike rides, and spend time with family and friends.

Dia Hablutzel has been the field placement coordinator for the College of Education since August 2000. She works with public schools and Winthrop faculty to arrange placements for our teacher education students. She grew up in Delaware and went to college in Virginia, followed by graduate school in Alabama. She lives in Charlotte with her husband, who is a high school German teacher, and her son, who is in seventh grade at Waddell Language Academy.

Curlene Moise is the administrative specialist for the Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Educational Studies. She is in her 19th year at Winthrop. She was born in the Big Apple, but moved to the south when she was seven years old, so she considers herself a southerner.

Jane Rawls began her education in kindergarten at Winthrop Training School, and has now been working in that same building for more than 17 years. Originally from Rock Hill, Jane moved away for 25 years, but returned in 2000. Upon her return to the area, she began working for the College of Education, where she provides a variety of administrative support to the associate dean, in addition to working with three university committees. In her free time, Jane has been volunteering with a local woman who is HIV positive. She also enjoys teaching missions to children at church, ringing handbells, baking, reading, serving on the HOA board for her neighborhood, and – most importantly – spending time with her five grandchildren.

Patty Sparks is in her fourth year at Winthrop after coming out of retirement from the Rock Hill School District. She is the Teacher Cadet college coordinator, and it is her pleasure to coordinate with the 20 high schools that partner with us to receive their college credit for the Teacher Cadet class. She visits the schools to talk about Winthrop and college life in general, and then hosts approximately 270 students and teachers each semester for their college visit. Outside of Winthrop, she loves to read, cook, travel, play bridge, and enjoy her grandchildren.

Chris Tough has been working at Winthrop for three years, but she was a Winthrop parent long before that. She works for Dr. Jones in Graduate Studies in the COE. She has been in Clover since 2006, and as a military brat, home is where you unpack, so this is home now. Go Eagles: Blue and Big Stuff!

Laura White is the budget analyst/facilities manager in the College of Education. Laura is originally from Arizona, later moving on to a military life, and finally settling in southwest Virginia prior to making South Carolina her home. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.S. in business administration/accounting, and also received a commission from the United States Army in the military intelligence branch. After serving in the military for 12 years, she graduated from Webster University with an M.A. in computer and information systems resource management. She went on to become a Certified Public Accountant, and has spent more than 15 years working in the accounting field, focusing primarily on non-profit accounting, including higher education. She enjoys spending time with her grown son and his wife, her grown daughter and four fur babies, while hiking, biking, gardening, and doing just about anything outdoors.

Alan Davis is the director of research and assessment. He has been working at Winthrop for ten years. He is originally from Asheville, North Carolina. His job mostly consists of collecting, organizing, and analyzing data, and trying to figure out what it means. He is a bit of a science nerd. In his spare time, he enjoys making things with his two children, Landon and Delaney.

SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

This month's spotlight is on **Daphne Sears**,
program assistant, Facilities Design and Development.



Daphne came to Winthrop in June 2015 from Carolinas Medical Center, where she worked as a patient experience coordinator. When she first came to Winthrop, she worked for the Department of Biology as their administrative assistant. She is currently the program assistant for Facilities Design and Development. She earned her B.S. in psychology and life coaching from Liberty University.

Daphne and her husband will celebrate their 28th anniversary in May. They have three children, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, and two crazy dogs. Her daughter is a student here at Winthrop, studying fine arts with a focus in sculpture.

In her free time, she loves spending time with her family, working on their 75-year-old house (which is a constant source of projects), fishing at the beach, thrifting and antiquing, and working with the college ministry at Northside Baptist Church.

Save the Date!

2nd Annual
Staff Professional Development Conference

June 27-28
8:30 a.m.-noon

Expect sessions on
Diversity
Leadership

How you can help the student enrollment experience

More information to come!



Accessibility Advocate of the month



Janell Stevens, *assistant director, TRiO.*

The March 2018 award went to Janell Stevens for her collaboration with the Office of Accessibility and many others. Often, this means helping students determine the best course of action following a flare-up, and how to communicate with professors or connect with important resources. Occasionally, it means encouraging a student to take difficult action, such as telling friends he will graduate in December instead of May. Thanks for all you do, Janell!



Shawntae Burton, *academic counselor, TRiO*, was named Honorary Accessibility Advocate due to her reputation for going above and beyond with students, digging deeper, and advocating for access. She is leaving Winthrop to move to Ohio, and although we are sad to lose her, we are so appreciative for all she has done! She is pictured here with **Shardae Nelson**, *assistant coordinator, Office of Accessibility*; **Hope Williams**, *administrative specialist, Office of Accessibility*; and **Rose Gray**, *program director, TRiO*.

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

Craig Gero, *transfer admissions counselor, Office of Admissions*
 Craig Mattox, *director of revenue operations, Athletics*
 Victoria McClinton, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*
 Reggie McCree, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*
 Nellie Schafer, *director of women's basketball operations, Athletics*
 Kevin Sullivan, *police officer, Campus Police*
 and Julia Thomas, *financial aid counselor, Office of Financial Aid*

Retirement Stuff

Congratulations to all of this year's retirees!

Frank Ardaiole, *Student Life*
 Debi Barber, *Admissions*
 Lisa Brody, *President's Office*
 Mark Cooke, *Athletics*
 Melissa Davis, *College of Business Administration*
 Charlene Drummond, *Dacus Library*
 Walter Hardin, *Facilities Management*
 Brenda Knox, *Dacus Library*
 Linda Mason, *Department of Psychology*
 Antje Mays, *Dacus Library*

J.P. McKee, *Finance and Business*
 Lee Miller, *Chemistry, Physics, & Geology*
 Maureen Reavis, *Health Services*
 Mary Roseboro, *Facilities Management*
 Chris Schliff, *Postal Center*
 Carol Schlabach, *Department of English*
 Terry Sexton, *Purchasing*
 Mitzi Stewart, *Facilities Management*
 Carolyn Sumner, *Fine Arts*
 Gale Teaster, *Dacus Library*
 Brenda Watson, *Facilities Management*
 Frank Zebedis, *Campus Police*

Commencement Behind the Scenes

On April 24, Printing Services staff held an inaugural "Plock Off," a competition using the Plockmatic Production Booklet Maker 350 to see which staff member could produce 100 undergraduate Commencement books the fastest. Angie Conner, printing equipment operator, was deemed Plock Champion 2018 when she completed 100 books in just over 14 minutes. She received a trophy, a small prize and bragging rights that will last her until May 2019 when her co-workers will vie to steal the title from her.



from left to right: Jill Stuckey, *director of publications and printing*; Mashawna Hunter, *printing services assistant*; Sibbie Lowery, *graphic artist*; and Angie Conner, *printing equipment operator*.



Will Haynes, *building/grounds supervisor, Facilities Management*, driving the family of a graduate who was on crutches at undergraduate Commencement.

Faculty/Staff Award Ceremony



Cid Carvalho, *women's tennis coach, Athletics*, was awarded the Mary Spann Richardson award for providing Winthrop University with positive visibility throughout South Carolina, the United States, and the world.



Daniela Aguilar, *admissions coordinator, The Graduate School*, was named Staff Member of the Year for exemplifying Winthrop's core values, going above and beyond, setting an example for others, and making Winthrop a great place to be.

Service Award Recipients

10 Years

Willie Aiken, *Chemistry, Physics, & Geology*
 Niki Behr, *Payroll*
 Kaye Burks, *Human Resources*
 Alan Davis, *Richard W. Riley College of Education*
 Barbara Emery, *Payroll*
 Nicole Ford, *Health Services*
 Kenny Gallagher, *Facilities Management*
 Rich Gates, *Facilities Management*
 Donna Guerra, *Department of Music*
 Joan Hetherington, *Facilities Management*
 Frank Montgomery, *Facilities Management*
 Jimmy Moree, *Facilities Management*
 Ralinda Register, *Student Affairs*
 Megan Rolf, *Admissions*
 Katherine Sardelli, *University College*
 Spiro Shetuni, *Dacus Library*
 Bobby Snyder, *Facilities Management*
 Ginia Tawse, *International Center*
 James Watts, *Facilities Management*

20 Years

Jamilyn Larsen, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*
 Eric Moss, *Computing and Information Technology*
 Chad Russell, *Facilities Management*
 Craig Sauvigne, *Computing and Information Technology*
 Kelly Shelton, *The Inn at Winthrop*
 Kelly Shepherd, *Budget Office*

30 Years

Pat Ballard, *Dacus Library*
 Phyllis Brevard, *Financial Aid*
 Laura Foster, *Center for Career and Civic Engagement*
 Pam Garrison, *Dacus Library*
 Walter Hardin, *Facilities Management*
 Chris Schliff, *Postal Center*



40 Years

Gay Randolph, *College of Business Administration*
 Gale Teaster, *Dacus Library* (pictured below)



Celebrating Teamwork



As you stroll through the third floor of the Bancroft Annex, prepare to smile at the proclamation claiming “Best Team On Campus!” The Office of Accessibility team works so well together, maintaining a rapport with all departments on campus, and offering encouragement to those who cross their paths. You will never hear these members complain, “That’s not my job!” When a teammate is overwhelmed or out of the office, other members are quick to jump to their aid and assist in any way possible. They willingly cross-train so they can help others as often as possible. This team is people-centered - always acting in support of students and colleagues.

Do you want to recognize a great team on campus? Send an e-mail to cauthenk@winthrop.edu!

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.

Web Stuff



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

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

Kara Cauthen, Penny Cotter, Maria D’Agostino, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Summersby Okey, Kat Wilson.

Staff Conference Highlights - April

Staff Questions

- Ken Scoggins, *chief, Campus Police*, is looking into restoring signage on Alumni Drive when the Margaret Nance Lot is closed for events. He explained that parking lots will close all day for evening events so that they can be closed when the fewest number of cars are there, so that staff don’t have to move midday.
- President Mahony has asked the Public Arts Committee to look into refreshing the existing art installations on campus.
- Some results from the Employee Satisfaction survey have been released and can be viewed on the [Human Resources webpage](#).
- The possibility of having Food Truck Friday on campus is being considered, but will depend on an agreement with the campus food service provider.
- The Finance & Business webpage has been updated with the information for Justin Oates, *vice president, Finance and Business*. J.P. McKee will be serving as special advisor to the provost to aid in the transition.

Dr. Mahony and Justin Oates gave a presentation to update staff on the budget. The presentation was e-mailed to staff afterwards. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Maria D’Agostino, *associate registrar, Records and Registration*.

Erin Hamel, *director, Macfeat Early Childhood Laboratory School*, gave a presentation on the history of Macfeat, and the services they provide to employees and the community. More information can be found on their [website](#) or by calling x2219.

Jackie Concodora, *director, Health and Counseling Services*, spoke about the new TAO Self-Help Self-Enroll program available to Winthrop employees. It is a free and completely confidential resource to aid in mental health and well-being. The program can be accessed at www.ThePath.TAOconnect.org.



www.taoconnect.org

The Elections & Nominations Committee will be sending out e-mails regarding the upcoming elections for Staff Assembly.

Rachel Glover, *administrative coordinator, Computing and Information Technology*, has been elected chair of the new Staff Feedback committee. They are working on getting a website up and running. Please contact her with any ideas or questions regarding the committee.

More details can be found by viewing the minutes available on the [Staff Conference webpage](#).