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Mental Health Awareness Month

On April 27, many staff members wore green to help raise awareness for mental health issues on campus.



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New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Ben Betts, *associate head men's basketball coach, Athletics*

Thomas Carver, *police officer, Campus Police*

Steffaney Cohen, *director of institutional research, Accreditation, Accountability, and Academic Services*

Brett Ferguson, *assistant men's basketball coach, Athletics*

Mitchell Hill, *director of men's basketball operations, Athletics*

Connor Leppink, *director of women's basketball operations, Athletics*

Heather Miller, *financial aid counselor, Office of Financial Aid*

Mark Prosser, *head men's basketball coach, Athletics*

Tony Rack, *assistant men's basketball coach, Athletics*

Brantley Therrell, *graduate student records coordinator, Graduate School*

Verna Walker, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Adam Watson, *police officer, Campus Police*

Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions covered the use of weed killer around campus, the possibility of changing office hours, a future telecommuting policy, identifying custodial staff, and whether staff can choose not to participate in summer hours.
- Staff Assembly shared the full results from the spring staff survey. The results can be viewed on the [Staff Assembly webpage](#).
- A presentation on the details of the Employee Educational Assistance Program was included.

To view the complete PowerPoint or review the minutes, visit the [Staff Conference SharePoint Site!](#)

Milestones



Brittany Phillips Neely, *alumni engagement coordinator, Alumni Relations*, and her husband Seth welcomed Emilia Jane Neely (Emmie) to their family on October 23. Emmie's sweet little smile is contagious and she's always up for meeting new friends. If you see Tammie Phillips, *executive assistant, Office of the President*, on campus be sure to congratulate her on her first grandchild!

Share your milestones with us!

Whether you've purchased a new home, earned a degree, welcomed a baby (or grandbaby!), adopted a pet, reached a milestone birthday, run a marathon, or just have exciting news you'd like to share - we're excited and want to celebrate with you! Send an e-mail to cauthenk@winthrop.edu to be included in the next newsletter!

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:

Thea Barnes, *degree progress/records coordinator, Records & Registration*.

STAFF MEMBER of the month

Amy Phillips
*residential learning coordinator & academic associate
Residence Life*



and people makes the long days and weird situations worth it (and I should know, working in Res Life!). I also love my colleagues. I would not have been able to survive working in a pandemic without the support of my Residence Life team.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

My favorite part of Winthrop is again, the people. I can't walk around campus without smiling at, waving to, or sharing jokes and stories with so many students, faculty, and staff. Winthrop feels like home.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I am married to my college sweetheart (also a Winthrop alum) and spending time with him and our dog, Grendel, is my life's greatest joy. Beyond that, I am an avid movie watcher, board gamer, baker, and an aspiring beekeeper.

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

I would tell an incoming student that there is no place like Winthrop, and the opportunities and caliber of people here are unmatched. Take it all in, follow the opportunities with an open heart and mind, and enjoy the ride!

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been at Winthrop since fall 2007 when I arrived as a wee freshman. After undergrad, I completed grad school here and started my first professional position as a residential learning coordinator in summer 2016.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop is such a special place because of the people. The faculty and staff here have made a huge difference in my life with their care, concern, and mentorship, and it was amazing to see these people transform from mentors into friends as I got older.

What drives you to make such a difference?

I love working with students, and they are the reason why I get up and do this work every day. Seeing them succeed and develop into better leaders, students,

SMOTM Nominees

Kelly Heinemann, *manager, Student Financial Services*
Jill Lauber, *assistant to the dean, College of Arts & Sciences*
Barbara Mayes, *procurement specialist, Purchasing Office*
Steve Moseley, *environmental health manager, Risk Management*
Bobbie Schreiner, *associate head track and field coach, Athletics*
Nancy Scurry, *budget, personnel, and business analyst, Accreditation, Accountability, and Academic Services*
Michele Smith, *administrative assistant, Grants & Sponsored Research Development*
Kay Stewart, *medical laboratory technician, Health Services*
Jessica Van Cleave, *digital content specialist, Admissions*

- Do you work with someone who consistently goes above and beyond in displaying
- Winthrop's values? Have a colleague who really shined while tackling a tough project?
- Nominate them for Staff Member of the Month! Anyone can submit a nomination, and individuals can be nominated more than once!

Nomination Form

Find us on
Facebook!



FIS Awards ceremony



Amy Phillips, residential learning coordinator & academic associate, Residence Life, was named Staff Member of the Year! The award was presented by Lisa Cowart, vice president, Human Resources, Employee Diversity, and Wellness.



Kimarie Whetstone, director, Office of Online Learning, received the Winthrop Award of Excellence! The award was presented by Lisa Cowart, vice president, Human Resources, Employee Diversity, and Wellness.



Jackie Concodora, director, Health & Counseling Services, won both the Fred Angerman Quality Staff Award and the Mary Spann Richardson Award! She is pictured here with President Hynd.

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Staff Graduates

Congratulations to all the staff members who let us know they were graduating this May!



Marcia Willis, administrative specialist, Office of the President, graduated with an M.B.A.



Dana Bruneau, first-year experience program coordinator, University College, graduated with an M.Ed. in learning design and technology.

Not Pictured:

Kim Brazzell, instructional technologist, Office of Online Learning, earned an M.Ed. in learning design and technology.

Lee Clark, online learning technician, Office of Online Learning, earned an M.Ed. in learning design and technology.

Claire Weikle, business analyst, Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, earned an M.Ed. in learning design and technology.

Barb Yeager, executive support specialist, Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, earned a B.S. in business administration with a concentration in health care management.