

# STAFF STUFF

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## FASHION stuff



Taking to Snapchat and Vine, Winthrop President, Dr. Dan Mahony (pictured above) unveiled a dramatic new hairstyle upon his return from Spring Break! He is wearing his hair longer, parted to the left, and combed back to the right. It also seems that he opted for ginger highlights to complete the look. Faculty and staff have expressed mixed emotions about the President's new 'do primarily because of its uncanny likeness to Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump. President Mahony does not seem to see the similarity.

## MASCOT stuff



With record rainfalls throughout South Carolina the past year, flooding has been a major problem for the Winthrop Coliseum. If you have been to a volleyball or basketball game this year, you know that you often have to get your feet wet to find your seat. The Winthrop Athletics team made a decision this month to lean in to the rainfall and stop fighting the constant flooding. A plan has been put in place to surround the coliseum with an enclosed 1,058,500 gallon tank (comparable to that of SeaWorld!). Guests will be instructed to enter the coliseum via enclosed walkways suspended over the tank. Plans are in place to acquire a 35-foot Great White Shark to live in the tank and draw in visitors. The prototype, shown above, also features the proposed new athletic logo. The athletic department plans to move forward with the name change to the Winthrop Sharks before the start of the next academic year.

# ...JUST KIDDING!!!



# HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

**BASEBALL stuff**

**#PROUDOFWU stuff**



Gina Jones, registrar, threw the first pitch at the Winthrop Ballpark on Tuesday, March 22 for Breast Cancer Awareness.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> WINTHROP NIGHT WITH THE CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS

Friday, April 29 at BB&T Ballpark  
First Pitch 7:05 p.m.  
Charlotte v. Toledo Mud Hens  
Fireworks after the game



Tickets can be purchased at: [ticketreturn.com](http://ticketreturn.com)  
Username: WinthropUniversity (no spaces)  
Password: knights (no caps)

Alumni are invited to a pregame Happy Hour at Mellow Mushroom starting at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to reserve your spot at [rsvp@winthrop.edu](mailto:rsvp@winthrop.edu).

You can also check the Winthrop Alumni Association page for information.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, The School Improvement Council of Ebinport Elementary School in Rock Hill was named the recipient of the 2016 Dick and Tunky Riley award for School Improvement Council Excellence.

“The Ebinport Elementary SIC has done some outstanding work in the area of literacy that is well-deserving of this statewide recognition,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Michael Guarino. “When parents, educators, students, and community members come together as a School Improvement Council, identify the needs of their school, and take meaningful steps to meet them, it has a lasting impact on schools, their students, and their families.”

Kelly Scott (pictured above, second from the right), decision support coordinator for the Department of Accreditation, Accountability and Academic Services, was part of that team.

Congratulations, Kelly! Thank you for your service to our community. We are #proudoFWU.



families  
jobs  
life  
memorials  
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COMMUNITY stuff

# Canaan

CAMPS • RETREATS • ADVENTURE

Camp Canaan is full steam ahead for summer 2016! Campers this year can look forward to many new activities and adventure this summer. Just a few include our new Frontier Camp (think Wild West), updated Jr. Camp Programing, more Resident Camp weeks and a few other surprises! Camp Canaan is a 100 acre island in Rock Hill, South Carolina located on the Catawba River. Canaan hosts nine weeks of summer camp, retreats/day events, a full Zipline Canopy Tour and also two Disc Golf Courses. To learn more about what Canaan offers, please visit [www.campcanaan.org](http://www.campcanaan.org) or call [803/327.6932!](tel:8033276932)

WELCOME stuff

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EAGLES



Left to right: Whitney Hough, Randy Walker, Maria Garcia, Victoria McClinton, Darlene Fuller, Vernadine Patterson, Kaye Burks, Erica Brantley, and Jeffrey Helms

# STAFF stuff MILESTONES

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CLAIRE WEIKLE



PROGRAM ASSISANT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERDISCIPLINARY  
STUDIES  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
COORDINATOR  
COLLEGE OF ARTS &  
SCIENCES  
FEBRUARY 2016

*How many years have you been at Winthrop?*

Technically, I've been working at Winthrop for two years, but before that I was a student from 2008-2012. I'm from Rock Hill, and I've been a part of the Winthrop community my whole life.

*What makes Winthrop special to you?*

Winthrop is my home. I attended my first Winthrop class at three weeks old (funny story). I see Winthrop as a large part of my history.

*What drives you every day to make such a big difference?*

As an alumna and employee, I take great pride in being a piece of the Winthrop family. I love working hard to make sure other Winthrop students have the same great experience as I did.

*What is your favorite part of Winthrop?*

I think everyone says this, but it's truly the people I work with. From the faculty and staff in my department and college, to my colleagues across campus, I love being able to walk anywhere and see a smiling face. People go out of their way to help each other, and I love working in this environment.

*What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?*

I'm currently working towards my M.B.A., so when I'm not working, I'm usually in class or studying. I also love to spend time with my family and traveling!

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

I would tell them to get involved in campus organizations. Also, don't just take your required classes, but enroll in a class just because the subject sounds interesting to you.

Congratulations to February's Staff Member of the Month nominees:

**Ben Roach**, Facilities Management; **Brittany Pigford**, Louise Pettus Archives; **Craig Sauvigne**, Computing & Information Technology; **Darlene Smith**, Academic Space & Scheduling; **Janelle Sealy**, Financial Aid; **Ruth Gaylor**, Richard W. Riley College of Education Student Academic Services

**BASEBALL** – for more information or to register see:

[winthropbaseballcamp.com](http://winthropbaseballcamp.com)

Youth Day Camp I – ages 6 to 12

June 13 to 17 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$240 per camper

Youth Day Camp II – ages 6 to 12

July 18 to 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$240 per camper

Middle School Day Camp – ages 13 to 15

July 18 to 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$240.00

Youth Day Camp II – ages 6 to 12

August 8 to 12 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$240

High School Prospect Camp – ages 15 to 18

August 20 to 21 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$255

High School Prospect Camp (instruction only) – ages 15 to 18

August 20 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$125

High School Prospect Camp (evaluation only) – ages 15 to 18

August 21 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost \$145

**SOCCER** – for more information or to register see: [winthropsoccercamps.com](http://winthropsoccercamps.com)

WU Soccer Day Kick Camp – Ages 4 to 16 Boys & Girls

Session I - June 20 -23 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session II - July 18 – 21 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost \$180 per camper

A \$75 non-refundable deposit must accompany all applications.

WU Soccer Eagle Camp – Ages 4 to 16 Boys & Girls

Session I - June 20 – 23 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Session II - July 18 – 21 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$255 per camper

A \$75 non-refundable deposit must accompany all applications.

WU Soccer Goalkeeper Camp – Ages 4 to 16 Boys & Girls

June 20 – 23 -9 a.m. to 11 am

\$180 per camper

A \$75 non-refundable deposit must accompany all applications.

WU ID Soccer Camp – Must be high school age (Grades 9-12 only)

Girls Camp – July 30- 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Boys Camp – July 31- 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

\$105 per camper -non-refundable registration fee.

**SOFTBALL** – for more information or to register contact Kendall Fuller, Co-Head Coach, at [fullerk@winthrop.edu](mailto:fullerk@winthrop.edu)

Camp is for all ages

June 20 – June 22<sup>nd</sup> M & T 9 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. & W 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

\$295 per camper

Staff price \$215

**VOLLEYBALL** – for more information or to register see:

[wuvolleyballcamps@gmail.com](mailto:wuvolleyballcamps@gmail.com)

Elite Positional Sessions – Grades 9-12

July 14 – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Setting

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Hitting

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Passing/Defense

\$50 per session or \$100 for all

All Skills Camp Session I – Grades 3-6

July 18 - July 20 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

\$100 per camper

All Skills Camp Session II – Grades 7-12

July 18 – July 20 – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$150 per camper

Advanced Skills Camp- Grades 9-12

July 21 – 24

\$150 for commuter campers or \$350 for overnight campers

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** – for more information or to register see:

[patkelseybasektballcamp.com](http://patkelseybasektballcamp.com)

Camp is for boys & girls

Camp Session I – Grades 2-9

June 13 – 16 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$210 per camper

Little Dribblers – Ages 4-6

June 25 – 9 a.m. to 11:45 am

\$50 per camper

Father-Son/Daughter – Grades 1-9

June 25 – 26 – 4:45 p.m.

\$235 per camper (parent & child is one camper)

Day Camp Session II – Grades 2-9

July 25 – 28 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$210 per camper

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** – for more information or to register see:

[www.winthroeagles.com](http://www.winthroeagles.com) (women's basketball) or e-mail: [johnsonc@winthrop.edu](mailto:johnsonc@winthrop.edu)

WU Elite Shooting Camp – Ages 13-16

June 17 to 19 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$90 per camper

WU Elite Basketball Camp – Ages 7-16

June 20 to 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$100 per camper

WU Tea.m.Camp – ages 12-17

June 23 – 24 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

\$200 for 10 players - \$15 each additional player

**LACROSSE**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24 – more information to follow



# getting to know



Each month, Staff Stuff will be featuring fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, meet Jill Simpson.



Jill Simpson, a family nurse practitioner in Winthrop University's Health Services, serves on Staff Assembly. She has been working as a Nurse Practitioner at Winthrop University for almost 10 years (the first five were in a part-time capacity). She holds a RN (Registered Nursing) and Master of Science degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Furman University. Jill is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She enjoys providing health care, patient education, and a listening ear to the students she serves here at Winthrop University.

Prior to working at Winthrop University, Jill worked in North

Carolina providing primary healthcare and OB/GYN care to medically underserved populations. She also has worked at a local non-profit clinic for adolescents and a busy family practice office in Rock Hill. Jill is married to Jonathan Simpson. They have three children: William (12), Noah (10), and Abby (7). Jill enjoys baking, walking, hiking, volunteering, and traveling. In fact, she and her family had the opportunity to travel to Alaska this past summer for two weeks and loved it.



## STAFF ASSEMBLY stuff

## CONFERENCE stuff

### Do you have a question for President Mahony?

You can submit anonymous questions to be asked at our next Staff Assembly meeting to Grant Scurry at [scurryg@winthrop.edu](mailto:scurryg@winthrop.edu). Dr. Mahony will do his best to address all questions at our next meeting.

**Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 2 p.m. in Whitton Auditorium in Carroll Hall. We hope to see you there!**

All meeting minutes from both Staff Assembly (elected representative group) and Staff Conference (large group meetings in Whitton Auditorium) are ONLINE. [Click over](#) to see what you might have missed.



We're having all kinds of fun over on Facebook with photos and updates and even videos. Don't miss out! Like us today, or add to the conversation!

## STAFF ASSEMBLY stuff

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.

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

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