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Alumni Faculty/Staff Luncheon

Thursday, November 16

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Richardson Ballroom

Faculty and staff who are **Winthrop graduates** are invited to a catered lunch in recognition of their collective service to their alma mater.

Homecoming on the Green

Friday, November 17

6-10 p.m., Campus Green

Don't miss this inaugural family-friendly event open to all alumni, students, faculty/staff, and the community. Head to the Campus Green at the center of campus for food trucks, music, corn hole, photo ops, and more! The Winthrop Bookstore will be open to buy Eagles swag, and the West Center will be open for tours.

For more information about the full week of Homecoming activities, visit www.winthrop.edu/homecoming.

Who Are We?

The College of Arts and Sciences

part 1 of 2

The College of Arts and Sciences is home to 14 departments and is the largest academic college on campus. Get to know some of the staff members who keep it running smoothly below.

Willie Ruth Aiken currently manages the laboratories for the Winthrop Department of Chemistry, Physics, and Geology. She supervises student lab assistants, and serves on the Safety Committee for the department. In the community, she serves as the administrator for an outreach ministry called Turn Around Ministry (TAM). Willie was born here in Rock Hill, and received her B.S. degree from Winthrop University (then called Winthrop College). In both the Charlotte and Rock Hill areas, she has held positions such as lab analyst, ISO 9000 quality specialist, lead auditor, lab trainer, quality control (QC) lab safety rep, research and development technical specialist, QC chemist, and laboratory manager/supervisor. Willie has over 25 years of experience in the chemistry field, and she has trained numerous employees. She enjoys walking and running at the West Center. However, Willie is most proud of her relationship with the Lord. She says nothing can be compared to being baptized and filled with His Spirit. Willie and Paul became "one" over thirty-three years ago. From this God-ordained marriage, God blessed them with one daughter, Jennola, and one son-in-law, Tyson.

Sarah Brooks has been at Winthrop University since 2016. She is an administrative specialist for the Department of Human Nutrition. Sarah is a Massachusetts native who moved to the Carolinas in 2007 to escape the snow. Sarah first came to Winthrop as a student in 2007-08, but left in 2010 to work and complete her English bachelor's degree at UNC Charlotte. Seven years and one move to Florida left Sarah wistful for the Carolinas' charms and Winthrop's familial campus. Sarah lives with her husband, Professor Gary Brooks, in Rock Hill, and the two are always on the lookout for a good local bike trail. Sarah loves dogs of all breeds, and hopes to one day have a very lazy English bulldog.

Kara Cauthen is the administrative specialist for the Department of English. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, she moved to Rock Hill in 2016 and is slowly adjusting to the South Carolina heat. Kara has a B.A. in English from Lee University, and enjoys working with students who share her love for reading and writing. Kara is an avid runner, having

completed a number of half-marathons and a sprint triathlon. She also enjoys crafting, kayaking, traveling, and spending time with her husband, Russ.

Lee Clark is the new administrative assistant in the Department of Social Work. She joined the Winthrop staff in September and is looking forward to all of the excitement that a new chair and the development of the online MSW program will bring. Lee is originally from Fairfax, Virginia. She is an avid student with a B.A. in international relations from Syracuse University, an M.P.P. in international commerce and policy from George Mason University, and an M.Phil. from Syracuse University in political science. She has also spent time teaching in the public school systems in Denver, Colorado and Tarboro, North Carolina. In her free time, Lee enjoys traveling to new destinations, hiking and camping, visiting breweries and live concerts, and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Velbert Ervin is the program specialist for the Eagle STEM Scholars Program. She is a graduate of Strayer University with a B.S. degree in business administration and a concentration in management. She is a Rock Hill native and has been married 42 years. Velbert and Robert have three adult children, two of whom are married. God has blessed them with three grandsons, and one more on the way! Velbert serves as the prayer coordinator for her church. She also serves in a teaching capacity. She enjoys reading, walking, traveling, and listening to music.

Marielle Hinson is the administrative coordinator for the Biology Department. She was born in New York City and grew up on the Jersey Shore. After college, she lived in Boston and then New Hampshire. She now lives in Rock Hill, and loves the South! Marielle has an A.A. from Dean College, a B.S. from Montclair State University, a graphic design certification from the University of New Hampshire, and an event certification from George Washington University. Marielle enjoys spending time with her husband, Pete, her son, Matt, and friends and family. She enjoys boating, kayaking, traveling, reading, and creative types of hobbies.

SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

This month's spotlight is on Kaye Burks, *benefits administrator, Human Resources, Employee Diversity and Wellness.*

Kaye Burks has been a benefits administrator at Winthrop since March 2016. Her past career positions include more than six years as human resources manager of Amida Industries, 11 years as vice president of human resources at Family Trust Federal Credit Union, and two years as a financial advisor.

She graduated from Winthrop with her B.S. in business administration in June 2002. She has also earned her certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources, SHRM Senior Certified Professional, and her Series 7 and Series 66 licenses in Financial Advisement.

She and her husband John have a blended family of five children and 14 grandchildren living in four different states. Since their children do not live close by, John decided to start a little retirement project in February 2016. They are now the proud owners of Cat's Paw Winery here in Rock Hill.

Kaye is proud to be at Winthrop, where she gets to work in the area of Human Resources that she enjoys most - benefits!



New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

Sherry Campbell, *accounting technician, Student Financial Services*; Russell Cauthen, *supply specialist, Central Receiving*; Regina Coleman, *library technology support, Dacus Library*; Stephanie Coyle, *administrative assistant, Department of Fine Arts*; Marcia Willis, *administrative specialist, Office of the President*; Kimberly Wilson, *abc field services specialist, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Office.*

STAFF MEMBER of the month

Karen Miller, *budget analyst, facilities manager, College of Education Dean's Office*



How many years have you been at Winthrop? Seven (since January 2010)

What makes Winthrop special to you? I love the beautiful campus and the way the old blends with the new.

What drives you every day to make such a difference? The people. We cannot accomplish our goals without teamwork.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop? I was initially hired to work with the NetSCOPE Grant. Even though the grant has ended, the momentum has not. I have seen firsthand the changes and the rewards. As a result, each teacher candidate is better prepared to hit the ground running once they graduate into the real world of teaching.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies? I like to walk, read, cook, and sew.

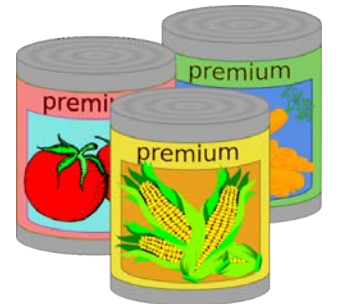
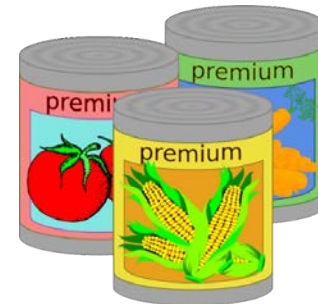
If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be? Every person working at Winthrop contributes to the success of each student. We really care about their success and wellbeing.



S.M.O.T.M. nominees

from left to right: Lee Miller, administrative specialist, Chemistry, Physics, and Geology; Jayme Keefer, administrative specialist, World Languages and Cultures; Karen Miller [winner], budget analyst, facilities manager, College of Education Dean's Office; De Wells, administrative specialist, Residence Life; Kimberly Byrd, director of web development, Office of Communications and Marketing. not pictured: Curlene Moise, administrative specialist, Counseling Leadership and Educational Studies.

Food Drive!



Annual Fall FOOD DRIVE

October 24 - November 20

2000 POUND GOAL

Hosted by Staff Conference's Campus and Community Involvement Committee
For more information, contact Pam Varraso at x4160

Drop Off Locations

Athletics
132 Bancroft
250 Bancroft
Cashiers' Office
DIGS
106 Dinkins

Health and Counseling Services
135 Kinard
Police Station
President's Office
106 Withers

Professional Development

Mark your calendars for **November 13**, when the Professional Development Committee will host a customer service session with nationally recognized customer service guru Tony Johnson. Additional information will be e-mailed to all staff.



Pink Out Day

Thursday, November 2



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is our chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. We encourage all departments to show their support for those who are now struggling with breast cancer, and those who have lost the battle to cancer.

Please wear **PINK** on Pink Out Day and submit your photos to be included in next month's newsletter by sending them to staffstuff@winthrop.edu.

In collaboration with the Campus Community Involvement Committee's Pink Out Day, Human Resources is bringing in the **Charlotte Radiology Mobile Mammogram Unit** from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 2. Call 704/831-4242 to register, or fax the Patient Scheduling Form available on the Employee Benefits-Wellness page directly to Charlotte Radiology.

Get involved and make a difference!

Winthrop Rocks!



Thank you to the Winthrop Hidden Rocks table sponsored by the Resident Students' Association for this fun find from Family Day on October 7!

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: Kimberly Byrd, *director of web development, Office of Communications and Marketing*.

Staff Assembly



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 Services*; 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*.



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.

www.winthrop.edu/staff

Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee: Maria D'Agostino, Penny Cotter, Kara Cauthen, Tracy Holbert, Whitney Hough, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Summersby Okey, Kat Wilson.

HALLOWEEN ON CAMPUS



Dacus Library staff as Owen Grady and a T-Rex from "Jurassic World."



Alumni Relations staff as the "Spice Girls."



The Health and Counseling Services team as mythical creatures.



Cashiers and Controller's Office team members as a farmer and farm animals.



from left to right: Jill Stout, instructional designer, Accreditation and Accountability; Kimarie Whetstone, director of online learning, Accreditation and Accountability.



University Communications and Marketing staff as characters from the board game Guess Who?



The Dean of Students Office as fall.



from left to right: Grant Scurry, assistant dean of students, director of the west center and recreational services, Student Affairs; Robin Thompson, graduate associate, West Center.

