

# STAFF stuff

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Can you believe it's already November, and the holidays are right around the corner? If you send family holiday cards or newsy family holiday letters, Printing Services would love to help you produce these for your family at great rates. Prices vary depending on the specifics of the job (e-mail [printingservices@winthrop.edu](mailto:printingservices@winthrop.edu), if you'd like a personalized quote), but as an example, if you need 50 copies of a personalized, 5x7, flat holiday card, the cost is just \$17.20 if you provide the artwork. Add 50 blank envelopes for just \$4.08. If you want Printing Services to save you a ton of time and address those envelopes for you, the cost for the printed and addressed envelopes is just \$24.94.

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# STAFF MEMBER of the month

Amy Phillips, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life



## 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, and people makes all the weird drama and situations worth it (and I should know, working in Res Life!).

## 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 hugging so many students, faculty, and staff. It's cliché, but Winthrop feels like home.

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

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

## 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 freshman. After undergrad, I completed grad school here and started my first professional position as 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 because of their care, concern, and mentorship, and it was amazing to see these people transform from mentors into friends as I got older.

# 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](mailto: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: Christopher Holloman, administrative specialist, College of Business Administration.

# September Nominees

from left to right: Alexa Allen, administrative specialist, Human Nutrition; Shannon Brown, annual philanthropy manager, University Advancement; Marcia Willis, administrative specialist, Office of the President; Brittany Pigford, archivist, Louise Pettus Archives; Lee Clark, administrative assistant, Social Work; April Ables, admissions operations coordinator, Admissions; Jessica VanCleave, digital content specialist, Admissions; and Amy Phillips, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life.



not pictured: Phyllis Hall, custodian, Facilities Management; and April Hershey, assistant to the dean, Graduate School.

# August Nominees

not pictured: Nicole Chisari, communications coordinator, University Communications and Marketing; Angie Conner, printing equipment operator, Printing Services; Shayna Foxworth, student and young alumni coordinator, Alumni Relations; Tracy Holbert (winner), technical consultant, Human Resources; Chris LeGrand, assistant director for residential services, Residence Life; Kevin Quick, custodian, Facilities Management; Jamie Ray, web developer, University Communications and Marketing; Martha Dettl-Rivera, assistant athletic trainer, Athletics; Bobby Snyder, zone manager, Facilities Management; and Sammira Tucker, smart classroom technician, Computing and Information Technology.



# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

- Nicole Burford, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics
- John Irvin, supply specialist, Facilities Management
- Alexa Maddox, study abroad coordinator, International Center
- Semeka Randall Lay, associate head women's basketball coach, Athletics



# Who Are We?

## Louise Pettus Archives

**Kaitlin Burdette** is an archivist who performs preliminary organization of all gifts, donations, community records, and Winthrop records received by the archives. As a graduate of Winthrop, Kaitlin has greatly enjoyed working for her alma mater for ten years and counting. Her favorite part of her work involves creating exhibits in the archives and at various campus events throughout each school year, showing not only Winthrop's rich history, but also some of the most unusual items the archives has to offer for scholarly research. Outside of work, Kaitlin loves spending time with her family, reading, playing board games, hanging out with her six pets, and watching old martial arts movies with her husband.

**Carson Cope** is a Rock Hill native and two-time Winthrop alum. He received his B.A. in philosophy and religious studies in 2015, and an M.A. in history in 2017. He is currently pursuing a second master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina, and will graduate in December 2020. In the Archives, Carson works part-time processing manuscript collections and creating finding aids for those collections. So far, he has processed three full collections—that's more than 145,000 sheets of paper! He also assists the public with research and recently created an exhibit titled "When the Past Meets the Present: The Businesses that Shaped Rock Hill," which highlighted businesses that served the Rock Hill community from the early-to mid-twentieth century. His love for history extends outside of work as his hobbies include antique bottle collecting, local history exploring, and metal detecting.

**Brittany Pigford** has a long history with Winthrop. Her mother and two brothers are Winthrop alumni and her grandmother used to work at the university

as a house mother. She would often visit her and spend the night in the residence halls and knew from an early age that she wanted to follow in her family's footsteps. She fulfilled that dream when she attended Winthrop in 1995 and earned her B.A. in history in 1999. While everyone in Pettus wears many hats, Brittany mainly organizes the extensive photograph collection, manages the Facebook page, helps student workers, and assists with outreach opportunities. You may also have met her at one of the Welcome to Winthrop events she coordinates. When she isn't showing new staff all that Winthrop has to offer or posting incredible photos of Winthrop through the years, Brittany enjoys spending time with her childhood sweetheart husband and three lovely children. She also enjoys travelling, hanging out with friends, couponing, and thrifting.

**Gina Price White** is director of archives and special collections at the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop University. She has 35 plus years' experience as an archivist—33 of those years at Winthrop. Her field of study is history, particularly the colonial and revolutionary history of the Catawba Region. She is a graduate of Winthrop and a native of and current resident of Chester County, South Carolina. She was previously local history archivist at the Chester County Library. She is a charter member of the South Carolina Archival Association, secretary of the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies, and was appointed to the South Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board in 2018. Her other interests include music, community theatre, and church activities.

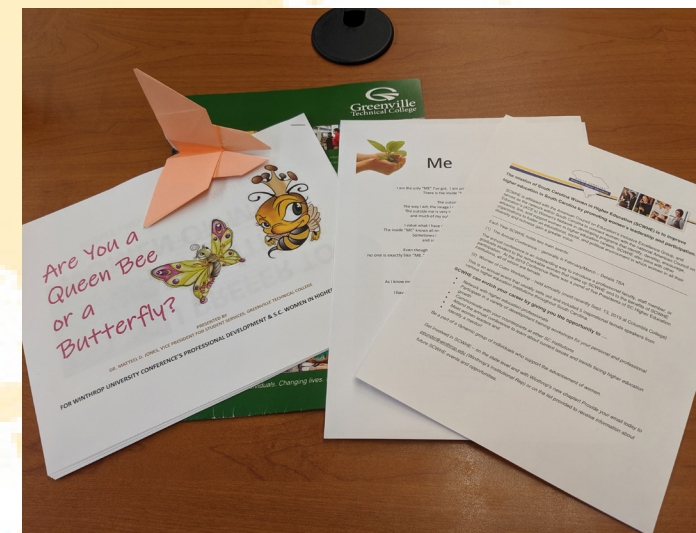
# Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions covered topics such as the tools Winthrop uses to retain and reward employees, the seeming increase in vice president level administrators, the pest problems on campus, and whether there would be a contest for Halloween costumes and decorations this year.
- President Mahony gave an update on the final enrollment numbers for the year.
- Amanda Stewart, *scholarship administration manager, University Advancement*, announced that voting would be taking place soon for the open Finance and Business position on Staff Assembly, and for the at-large ombuds advisory committee position.
- Marcia Willis, *administrative specialist, Office of the President*, announced that there will be a professional development event on stress management in the month of November.

For more details, you can view the [PowerPoint presentation](#) or read the [minutes](#) online.



# Staff Events



The South Carolina Women in Higher Education event with Dr. Matteel Jones was a success! Keep an eye out for similar future events.



President Mahony mingled with staff at the recent Staff Appreciation Lunch in Thomson during fall break.



# Who Has the Cutest Pet?

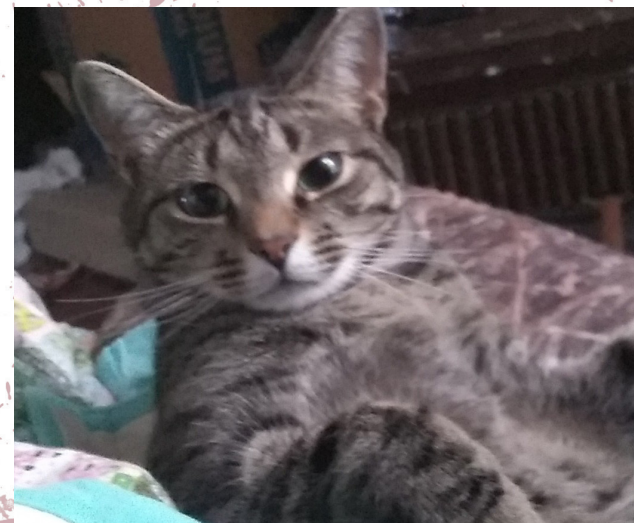
There was no way we could choose which pet was the cutest out of this bunch, so we're sharing them all with you!



Michele Smith, *administrative specialist, Grants and Sponsored Research Development*, shared this cuteness-overload trio with us. From left to right: Iggy, Leo, and Mellow.



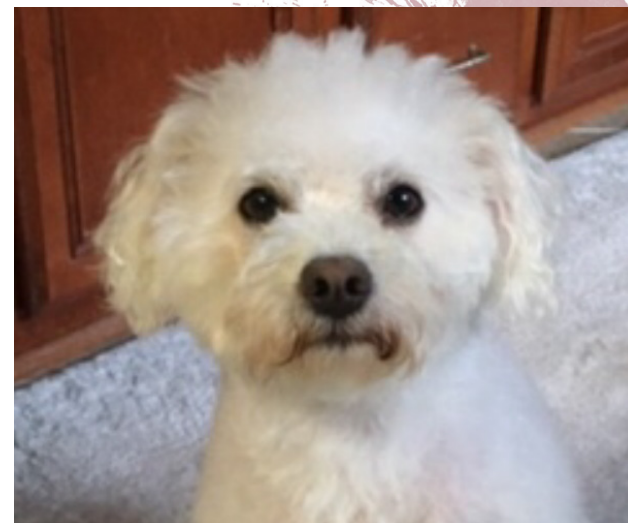
Piper the puggle is the furry friend of Leah Simmonds, *financial analyst, College of Arts & Sciences*.



Georgette Bell, *fiscal technician, Cashiers Office*, sent in this great photo of her cat, Frankie!



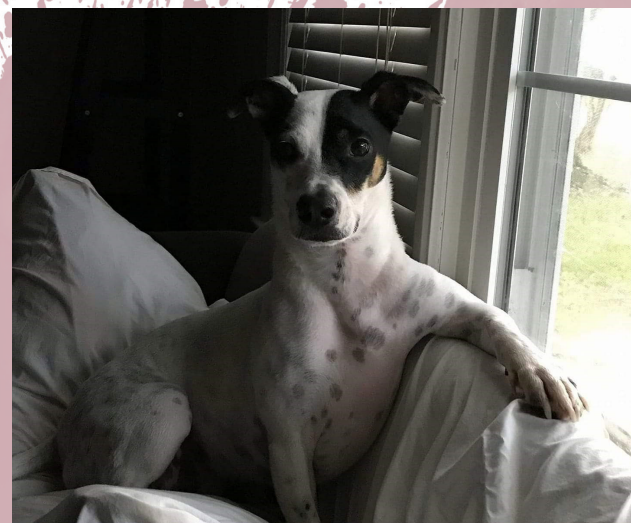
Here's Bruce showing off his Winthrop spirit, courtesy of Tommy Henry, *development coordinator, Athletics*.



Marcia Willis, *administrative specialist, Office of the President*, sent in her adorable little friend, Lucy.



Ryder made sure to wear his Halloween costume for his photoshoot with Lee Clark, *administrative assistant, Social Work*.



Captain Jack Sparrow is a 4-year-old terrier mix rescue, and best bud to Hank Harrawood, *associate athletic director for student success and compliance, Athletics*.



April Hershey, *assistant to the dean, Graduate School*, snapped this shot of #CharlottetheHound at the dog park.



This sweet photo of Bella was submitted by Phyllis Redden, *information services specialist, Student Life*.



Nyla gets her love for cute shoes from her mom, Pam Gillette, *administrative specialist, Athletics*.



Natalie Calhoun, *assistant to the athletic director, Athletics*, sent in this adorable photo of Sidney.



# HALLOWEEN FUN!



Ronda Collins, *executive support specialist*; Kathie Park, *budget analyst and facilities manager*; Jane Rawls, *administrative specialist*; and Carol Adams, *administrative specialist*; from the Richard W. Reilly College of Education.



Things are getting strange with the Center for Career and Civic Engagement!



Lee Clark, *administrative assistant, Social Work*; Jayme Charles, *administrative coordinator, Computing & Information Technology*; and Ryder as Hades, Meg, and Pegasus!



Lee Clark, *administrative assistant, Social Work*; Jayme Charles, *administrative coordinator, Computing & Information Technology*; Tiffany Smathers, *administrative specialist, Interdisciplinary Studies*; Leah Simmonds, *financial analyst, College of Arts & Sciences*; and Heather Carter, *administrative specialist, Psychology*; with their Disney costumes!



Health and Counseling Services dressed as the Crawford Mice and brought their own personal exterminator!

# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

Katie Gawronski  
*financial aid counselor, Office of Financial Aid*



I've been working as a full-time staff member in the Office of Financial Aid for a little over two years. I also worked in Financial Aid as a student worker while I was earning my undergraduate degree at Winthrop (I'm a proud alumna!) and was lucky enough to be hired on full-time after graduation. I am a financial aid counselor and assist students with financial aid issues, and also process aid for students.

I live in Clover, South Carolina, with my husband and two cats, Tibbs and Cleo. Outside of work I enjoy exercising, traveling, hiking, and doing anything outdoors. My dream is to visit all U.S. National Parks in my lifetime, and I have a trip planned in September to continue chipping away at that goal.

# 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](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.

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