

STAFF stuff

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FACEBOOK FEATURE *My Summer Vacation*



“This summer, my husband and I took our furbabies to the Outerbanks off of the North Carolina coast for a week of fun in the sun. Renting a house in the OBX during the summer has become our annual tradition since Taylor proposed to me there in 2011. The unofficial motto when you are at the Outerbanks is that you are on “island time,” and we always have a wonderfully quiet week of relaxation to look forward to when we stay there. This year we enjoyed time kayaking, fishing, visiting lo-

cal restaurants (including many trips to the local ice cream shop!), and playing with our pups on the beach. The week was full of quality family time, and I am so happy that we had the opportunity to make another year of memories together at such a beautiful location.”

-Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, *business analyst, Accreditation and Accountability*



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Winthrop Day at Old Town Market



Pam Varraso, administrative specialist, Student Affairs, and Kelly Shelton, housekeeping specialist, The Inn at Winthrop, check in students AND GIVE THEM \$5 in Market Bucks, provided by the City of Rock Hill, at Winthrop Day at the Old Town Farmer's Market.



Bill Hofmann, executive chef, Flavia DeSouza, sous chef, and Pam Yurkovic, food services director for Winthrop University, serve up samples of Winthrop University Dining Services food at the Old Town Farmer's Market.



left: Charlene Drummond, archivist, Dacus Library, invites students to make free canvas art at the Old Town Farmer's Market.

Right: Mike Howland, director men's basketball ops, Athletics, and Winthrop student athletes collect their market bucks from Pam Varraso, administrative specialist, Student Affairs, and Kelly Shelton, housekeeping specialist, The Inn at Winthrop



Finding Big Stuff

Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has an illustration 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 courtesy of the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Congratulations to the Summer 2016 Finding Big Stuff Winner, Deborah Broome: *fiscal analyst, SPAR.*

Committee Corner

YOU can participate in the mission and work of our staff conference by getting involved in a committee. Choose from: Media and Communication, Professional Development, Campus and Community Involvement, Recognition, or Elections and Nominations. Get to know colleagues and join in the effort to make our staff community the best it can be.

The Staff Professional Development Committee invites all staff members to join our committee. Our committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10:00am in Crawford 114. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13. By participating in this committee, you'll have a say on the opportunities provided for staff members' professional growth. Please contact Goldie Gildehaus (gildehausg@winthrop.edu) if you would like to get involved!

Professional Development TLC Session: Voter Registration Procedures in South Carolina will be held on Sept. 1 at 11:00am in DIGs Richardson Ballroom A. Staff can register for the event at <http://www2.winthrop.edu/login/tlc/default.asp>

Recognition Committee invites all staff members to join our committee and encourage "recognition" among campus staff members! The committee collects nominations for staff member of the month every month, individually submit a vote for the 'winner' each month after reviewing all nominations, collect donated prize materials from individuals and departments on campus and prepares and presents the nomination certificates and winner gift package.

New members can join by contacting Niki Behr (behn@winthrop.edu).

New Hires

- **Sheena Branch:** *administrative assistant, Institutional Advancement*
- **Shawntae Burton:** *TriO academic counselor, TriO*
- **Suzanne Koty:** *program facilitator, CER-RA South Carolina*
- **Lynette Woodard:** *assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics*

Neal Miller: *director of university events, Office of University Events*

Chelsi Colleton: *study abroad coordinator, International Center*

Jill Grossoehme: *instructional designer, Accreditation and Accountability.*

STAFF MEMBER

of the month



July 2016
Pam Gillette, Accounts Payable

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

My favorite part of Winthrop is the people. There are lots of friendly people that work here.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I really do not have any hobbies, though I seem to stay busy. I enjoy walking, and I am very involved in my church. We have around 12 elderly members of the church that are in different nursing homes that I visit on a regular basis. I also teach Sunday School for four year olds. It's amazing how their brains are like sponges at this age. They can remember things so easy!

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

I would tell them Winthrop is here for you. Get as much as you can out of it, study, get involved, make friends. It will prepare you for what lies ahead!

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been with Winthrop now for a little over four years.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

I was in the medical field for over 20 yrs working in accounts receivable, accounts payable and with insurance claims. The atmosphere here at Winthrop is altogether different, and I love it! The people are friendly and you can't help but catch the excitement of the students coming in for Orientation. I am always bragging about Winthrop because I am proud to work here.

What drives you every day to make such a difference?

I enjoy people, and I try and put myself in other people's shoes. If I can help someone with filling out a form or walk a new student that is wandering the halls to their right destination than that is what I do without even thinking twice.

Nominees:

Julia Hinton: *custodial worker, Facilities Management*; Megan Rolf: *director of recruitment, Admissions*; Deborah Broome: *fiscal analyst, SPAR*.



September Sporting Events

• The Eagle Club Scholarship Golf Tournament is Monday, October 24, 2016 at the Rock Hill Country Club. Shotgun start is at noon. Registration is \$500 per team. This registration includes lunch, dinner, prizes, and goody bag.	• 2-Sep 7 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Georgia Southern
• For more information contact Karen Trunk at (803) 323-2129 ext. 6224.	• 5-Sep 6 p.m. Volleyball v. Georgia Southern
• 	• 11-Sep 12 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Marist
	• 13-Sep 7 p.m. Volleyball v. Western Carolina
	• 17-Sep 9 a.m. WU/Adidas Men's Cross Country Invitational
	• 17-Sep 10 a.m. WU/Adidas Women's Cross Country Invitational
	• 20-Sep 7 p.m. Volleyball v. Gardner Webb
	• 24-Sep 1 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Radford (Carolina's Kickin it Challenge)
	• 24-Sep 7 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Liberty
	• 27-Sep 7 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Charlotte
	• 28-Sep 6 p.m. Women's Soccer v. High Point
	• 30-Sep 7 p.m. Volleyball v. Ca.m.pbell
	• 1-Oct 4 p.m. Volleyball v. High Point
	• 5-Oct 6 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Charleston Southern
	• 8-Oct 7 p.m. Men's Soccer v. High Point
	• 12-Oct 6 p.m. North Carolina Central
	• 15-Oct 1 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Gardner Webb – SENIOR DAY
	• 21-Oct 7 p.m. Volleyball v. Liberty
	• 22-Oct 4 p.m. Volleyball v. Radford
	• 25-Oct 7 p.m. Volleyball v. Charleston Southern
	• 26-Oct 6 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Gardner Webb
	• 29-Oct 6 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Longwood
	• 1-Nov 7 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Elon-SENIOR DAY

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.

www.winthrop.edu/staff

Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee: Chrissy Catoe, Maria D'Agostino, Tracy Holbert, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Summersby Okey-Hamrick, Allie Briggs, Kat Wilson.

SPOTLIGHT

on Staff Assembly

WVU Milestones

This month's spotlight is on **Karen Trunk**, *membership coordinator, donor assistant, Athletics.*



Karen Trunk was a member of the Winthrop community before starting her current job in Athletics. She worked in the Development office for five years before transitioning to Athletics. She is currently beginning her third year in Athletics, as the Eagle Club membership coordinator. In this position she handles all membership and donor relations, issues for the Eagle Club and Varsity Club. She also schedules all the Eagle Club Hospitality events, the Eagle Club Golf Outing, the Hall of Fame banquet and the Eagle Club Auction. Her job also entails the marketing and advertising administrative responsibilities.

Being a military child, Karen was born in Ankara, Turkey during her father's Air Force service. She lived most of her life in Columbia, South Carolina, moving to Rock Hill in 2003, where her husband grew up.

She comes from a large family of five. She and her husband, George, have three children, Lauren, Hunter and Mary Campbell. They reside with their three four-legged children, Buddy, Bailey and Peanut Wilson (P-dub).

In Karen's free time, she likes to read, stay at the beach, take photographs and, of course, is an avid Eagles and Gamecock fan.



Happy 40th Birthday to Johnathan Brabson,
assistant women's soccer coach



Congratulations to Chris Johnson, Winthrop's sustainability coordinator, who recently received the Clean & Green Board member of the Year Award from the City of Rock Hill Clean & Green organization.



Happy 60th Birthday to Starr Albert!
administrative specialist, Admissions



Welcome to Lainey Drew Knight, baby number three for Miranda Knight, *assistant dean of students, Student Affairs.*