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Fall Home Sports Events

August 17-	Men' Soccer v. Furman	4 p.m.
August 18-	Women's Soccer v. Kennesaw State	7 p.m.
August 22-	Men' Soccer v. Erskine	7 p.m.
August 27-	Women's Soccer v. N. Florida	1 p.m.
August 29-	Volleyball v. Wofford	6 p.m.
•	Women's Soccer v. SC Upstate	6 p.m.
•	Men's Soccer v. Davidson	7 p.m.
•	Women's Soccer v. Davidson	7 p.m.
•	CC-34th WU Invitational	9 a.m.
•	Women's Soccer v. Beaufort	1 p.m.
•	Men's Soccer v. GA Southern	7 p.m.
	Volleyball v. Radford	7 p.m.
September 23-	Men's Soccer v. Presbyterian	7 p.m.
•	Volleyball v. Campbell	4 p.m.
September 27-	Women's Soccer v. Longwood	6 p.m.
September 29-	Volleyball v. Presbyterian	7 p.m.
September 30-	Women's Soccer v. Liberty	1 p.m.
	Volleyball v. Gardner Webb	6 p.m.
October 7-	Women's Soccer v. Presbyterian	1 p.m.
	Men's Soccer v. Campbell	7 p.m.
October 14-	Women's Soccer v. High Point	7 p.m.
October 18-	Men's Soccer v. College of Charleston	7 p.m.
October 20-	Volleyball v. Liberty	7 p.m.
October 21-	Women's Soccer v. Campbell	1 p.m.
	SENIOR DAY	
	Men's Soccer v. Radford	7 p.m.
	Volleyball v. High Point	4 p.m.
October 24-	Volleyball v. Charleston Southern	7 p.m.
October 25-	Men's Soccer v. UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
	SENIOR DAY	
October 28-	Volleyball v. UNC Asheville	4 p.m.
November 1-	Men's Soccer v. Gardner Webb	6 p.m.
November 4-	Volleyball v. High Point	4 p.m.

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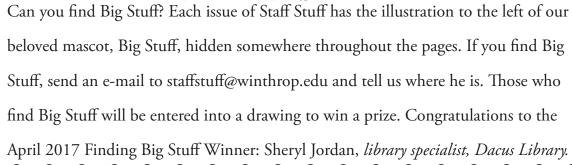
We want to know what Winthrop staff members are reading, watching, or eating! If you are interested in writing a review, please contact a member of the Media and Communications Committee or send an e-mail to staffstuff@winthrop.edu. This month's review is by Kelly McGinnis, administrative specialist, Athletics.



The Famous Toastery

The Famous Toastery that just opened a few months ago at 2215 India Hook. The service has improved from those first few weeks when the kinks were getting worked out. This was the two egg, hash brown and toast breakfast. The food is very good, and I have tried a few different items and have never been disappointed.





Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

Darlene Fuller, custodial worker, Facilities Management; Brittany Lane, assistant athletic director of marketing & communications, Athletics; Robert Monday, assistant baseball coach, Athletics; Sara Myers Floyd, registration/readmission coordinator, Records And Registration; Katherine Hartnett, administrative specialist, History and Political Science; Jayme Keefer, administrative specialist, World Languages & Cultures; Justin Haire, blackboard administrator, Accreditation and Accountability

O Are Wi?

University Events



from left to right: Miller, Brotak, Rust Ward, and Comer.

The Office of University Events at Winthrop University is a team of four that ensures campus events, both hosted by Winthrop and those hosted by off-campus entities, run smoothly and successfully.

The office recently relocated from the MacFeat House to Sellers House, across Oakland Avenue from the President's House.

Neal Miller, director of university events, Office of University Events, ensures that each event meets the initiatives of the

Winthrop Plan and is executed in a high-quality form. He also explores potential new revenue streams for the university. Neal

has been at Winthrop for just over one year. Prior to his role at Winthrop, Neal worked for four arenas and three institutions including University of North Carolina - Charlotte. He grad-

uated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's and master's degree in sports and entertainment management. A Carolina native, Neal is a sports junkie (especially football and golf), food lover, and the only male in his household and work environment. He has two daughters, aged three and five.

Caroline Rust Ward, campus events manager, Office of University Events, oversees presidential and executive events, plans events at the President's House and supports events on campus. Caroline earned her B.F.A. from East Carolina University and her M.F.A. (terminal degree for artists) from Winthrop University. Prior to her position as campus events manager, Caroline worked in donor relations, community arts, the

galleries and permanent collection at Winthrop, as well as a commercial art gallery and architecture and engineering firms in Charlotte. She is a practicing artist and has had exhibitions across the United States. She is a current member of the ArtPop class and has a billboard on I-77. In her spare time, she enjoys supporting local arts organizations and facilitating networking opportunities for artists to create meaningful and memorable experiences. She also loves to travel and notes France as her favorite destination so far.

Chandler Brotak, external clients manager, Office of University *Events*, is the newest member of the University Events office. She manages weddings, conferences, galas, seminars and any other external events held on Winthrop's campus. She oversees the set-up/break down, catering, contract management and any other additional needs for clients. Originally from Asheville, North Carolina, Chandler went to the University of South Carolina and graduated in December 2016 with a degree in public relations. Prior to joining the Winthrop family, Chandler worked for the Charlotte City Center Partners as an events and communications coordinator and assisted with the Thanksgiving Day Parade. She currently lives Uptown and is an avid supporter of the South Carolina Gamecocks. Chandler is a new member of the Carolina Voices MainStage Choir, and she enjoys dancing and playing tennis in her free time.

Margaret Anne Comer, executive support specialist, Office of University Evenets, has worked for the state since 1997 and is known as the "godmother" of the department. In her role, she works with vendors, manages budgets, and is responsible for the office side of the Office of University Events. She also assists with external and campus events. One of her favorite aspects of her job is coming together to bond with her department. A native of Rock Hill, she is proud of the impact that Winthrop has on Rock Hill. She attended York Technical College and counts herself truly blessed to work with this particular group of individuals. She has five grandchildren and is passionate about the MS Society. For the past ten years, she has participated in the MS Challenge Walk, walking more than 50 miles in three days to fight MS. She plans to continue to do so for as long as possible. "MAC" also enjoys refinishing antiques, traveling, and reading. She loves Winthrop basketball and Clemson football.

STAFFINENDER of the month

Jerry Fussell, campus center services coordinator & night manager, Student Affairs



S.M.O.T.M. nominees

Aimee Kline, Athletics; Amy Phillips, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life; Jerry Fussell (winner) campus center services coordinator & night manager, Student Affairs; Joanna Harris, educator services coordinator, Student Academic Services; Katie Price, director of marketing, Office of Communications & Marketing; Michele Smith, administrative assistant, SPAR; Pam Gillette, accounts payable technician, Accounts Payable; Rick Ramsey, groundskeeper supervisor, Facilities Management; Willie Aiken, laboratory chemist, Chemistry, Physics, & Geology.

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WINTHROP UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S LACROSSE PROGRAM INTRODUCES A SERIES OF FREE LACROSSE CLINICS FOR GIRLS

2ND-11TH GRADE October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Winthrop University, Athletic Complex, Rock Hill, South Carolina

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SPOTLIGHT ON Service

This month's spotlight is on **LeAnn Lowrey**, *International Center*.



This month, we are pleased to present a special "spotlight on service" feature. Winthrop staff member, LeAnn Lowrey, *student tutor, International Center,* has been tirelessly volunteering her time and energy, even outside of work hours, to partner with Heidi Aradas, a teacher and advisor at Sullivan Middle School to help international students in our commu-

nity. This past school year, LeAnn took Winthrop international students to visit with the World Culture Club at Sullivan Middle School. As a result of that visit, when the mother of a Winthrop University student from China came to visit Rock Hill over the summer, she presented Sullivan Middle School with several Chinese/English translated story books. The student's mother had heard of the visits to the middle school and wanted to contribute. Most recently, LeAnn and Heidi have worked man hours (voluntarily) to build relationships and welcome the BMX riders from all over the world during the BMX world championships held in Rock Hill in July. LeAnn and Heidi made videos and shared them with the riders and their families. They also invited the riders to become Skype buddies with the Sullivan Middle School students. We love this wonderful story of service to the community by a Winthrop University staff member, and we are so proud of the partnership participation that shows the spirit and caring at the heart of Winthrop, Rock Hill Schools, and the Rock Hill community in general. Thank so much for all that you do, LeAnn.

A special thanks to Kelly Scott, *decision support coordinator*, *AAAS*, for sending us this story.

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DOGDAYS Summer

Are you a member of the "Winthrop University Staff Conference" Facebook group? If you're not, you are missing out on a lot of pictures of puppies, and some great events and networking opportunities. To celebrate the end of the "dog days of summer," here are some of our favorite pooch photos shared on "national puppy day."



from left to right: Millie (4) and Molly (1), furry friends of Angie Conner, printing equpiment operator, Office of Communications & Marketing.



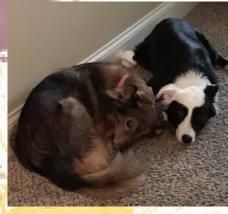
Meet Elbie! Her human is Katie Price, director of marketing, Office of Communications & Marketing. Elbie will turn 5 on Memorial Day. Happy Birthday, Elbie!



back, left to right: Max & Charlie; front: Winnie. These pups live with Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, business analyst, AAAS, and her husband, Taylor. They thought it was bring your dog to work day.



"Percy is an old maid now, but here she is when she was no bigger than a minute." Percy pals around with Meredith Carter, communications coordinator, Office of Communications & Marketing.



According to their human, Whitney Hough, director of communications & community engagement, Visual & Performing Arts, Annabelle (left, 5) and Jack (right, 2) rarely cuddle. We are so glad Whitney was able to snap this sweet moment!



Inspired by all of the dog lovers in our face-book group, Shannon Smith, benefits and wellness program manager, Office of Human Resources, adpoted Oliver from the Greenville Humane Society. Welcome to the fam!



Milestones



left: Shannon Smith, benefits and wellness program manager, Office of Human Resources, and her fiancee' Justin Hayes '11. The two were engaged on the 4th of July. Congratulations, Shannon and Justin!





The City of Rock Hill hosted the 2017 UCI BMX World Championships July 25-30, 2017.

left: the BMX riders from all over the world visited the Winthrop Coliseum where the University's new cycling team was announced. Photo by Clint Waugh, Athletics.

right: Dan Mahony, President and Duane Neff, assistant professor, Social Work, at the Winthrop Tent at the BMX races.

Stoff 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.

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