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## WU Book Club

The Winthrop Book Club meetings this fall will be in 257 DiGiorgio Campus Center from Noon - 1 pm. Feel free to bring lunch!

### October 3

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas  
Discussion led by Judy Longshaw

### November 6

*The Honest Truth About Dishonesty* by Dan Ariely  
Discussion led by DeeAnna Brooks

### December 5

*Run* by Ann Patchett  
Discussion led by Katie Price

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# STAFF MEMBER of the month

Seth Cooke, *information systems analyst, Computing & Information Technology.*



**How many years have you been at Winthrop?**

I have been at Winthrop since I was born, practically—my dad was the softball coach here for almost 30 years so I got to grow up with the campus. I have worked for Winthrop since I was a student back in 2013, but this month marks my first complete year working with ASAP.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

Winthrop is very much a home for me. I learned to swim in Peabody’s pool, I grew up eating in the café during the summer while helping out at softball camps, and I graduated from Winthrop.

**What drives you to make such a difference?**

My dad. I watched him come in before dawn to do things for softball, and he often came home well after dark from running a clinic or a camp, after already completing a full day of work. He was always there when people needed him, and always dependable. That’s the sort of person I want to be, too.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?**

Easily my coworkers. I’ve learned a lot since I started here, thanks in no small part to their willingness to help me progress. Everyone works well together and it makes for an excellent atmosphere to work in.

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

I play video games a lot – my wife and I met on one, and we still play World of Warcraft and other games together all of the time. Every weekend we come to campus to play Pokemon GO together too, to get us out of the house and moving around.

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

Talk to people! There is an interesting intersection of worlds at Winthrop, and it presents a unique opportunity to expand your horizons and learn about other people that you may never get again. Even something as simple as joining a club can make a big difference in your college experience, because of the people you meet.

# S.M.O.T.M. nominees

*from left to right: Seth Cooke, information systems analyst, Computing & Information Technology; and Callie Smith, director of new student and family programs, Student Affairs.*



*not pictured: Kimarie Whetsone, director of online learning, Accreditation and Accountability.*

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- **Nominations for Staff Member of the Month**
- **are due at the end of each month and can be**
- **submitted below!**
- <https://www.winthrop.edu/staff/employeeofmonth/>
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# New Hires

*Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:*

- Rosemarie Agosto, lead teacher, MacFeat Early Childhood Laboratory School*
- Lindsay Brackett, electrician, Facilities Management*
- Shayna Foxworth, student and young alumni program coordinator, Alumni Relations*
- Wake Harper, student services program coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences*
- Shea Maple, director of athletic partnerships and giving, Athletics*
- Taylor Marshall, assistant women’s lacrosse coach, Athletics*
- Jamie Morgan, assistant softball coach, Athletics*
- Katie Roach, registered nurse, Health Services*
- Tyler Robbins, admissions counselor, Admissions*
- Tina Sorial, TRiO academic counselor, University College*
- Suzie Therrell, executive assistant to the provost’s office, Academic Affairs*
- Chelsea Whitten, lead teacher, MacFeat Early Childhood Laboratory School*



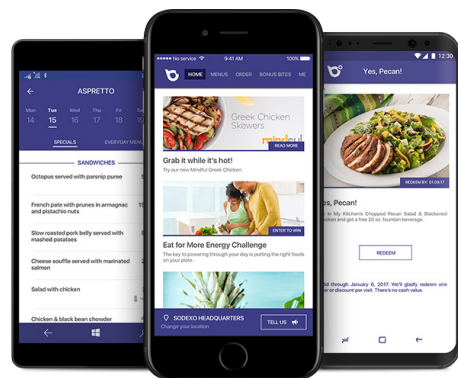
# Accessibility Advocate of the month

Wes Love  
project manager, Facilities Management



# Dining Services new partnership with Sodexo

Winthrop's new food service partner, Sodexo, is very excited to share new and exciting innovations on campus!



## BITE by Sodexo

Check out BITE, a mobile app you can download from the App Store or Google Play on your phone to view the residential dining menus, nutritional information and more. We make it easy to plan your lunchtime hour.

## Catering Services

We are your new catering partner too! With a variety of both premium and value products, our Flavours guide will take you through the planning process and ordering for your catered event. We are also happy to meet with you to create a signature selection that meets your specific needs. Contact us at 803/323-2134 to set up an event consultation, or go directly to our website to order and plan at [winthropcatering.catertrax.com](http://winthropcatering.catertrax.com).

## Faculty/Staff Meal Plan

To make dining easier on campus, we have a Faculty and Staff Meal Plan that is both convenient and value driven. Purchase 20 meals for \$110.00. That is \$5.50 per meal for all-you-care-to-eat dining in Thomson Café! Purchase at [winthrop.edu/dining/](http://winthrop.edu/dining/)

## Keep in Touch!

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram at WinthropDining1  
Our website is [winthrop.sodexomyway.com](http://winthrop.sodexomyway.com)  
Bryan Harriss, General Manager 803/323-2119



Pictured from left to right:

**Andy Parker**, *assistant strength and conditioning coach*, works with men's basketball, women's soccer, men's tennis, women's golf, and the track & field sprinters and jumpers. He was born and raised in Homer, New York, before getting his B.S. in kinesiology with a concentration in fitness development from SUNY Cortland. He finished his M.S. in sport and fitness administration here at Winthrop. His hobbies include hiking with his dog and fishing.

**Jena Ready**, *associate head strength and conditioning coach*, works with men's soccer, women's basketball, lacrosse, men's golf, women's tennis, and cross country. She was born in Vorheese, New Jersey, and grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. She earned her B.S. in exercise and sport science from Queens University of Charlotte, where she played lacrosse. She then went on to earn her M.S. in exercise and sport science from Lenoir-Rhyne University. In her free time, she enjoys recreational sports, spending time with her dog, and watching the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Benjamin Abbott**, *head strength and conditioning coach*, works with Winthrop's baseball, softball, and volleyball teams, and the track & field throwers. He was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. He earned his B.S. in exercise science and athletic training from Waynesburg University, and his M.S. in sport science from Florida State University. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking and experimenting with different recipes and cuisines. His favorite dessert is doughnuts, so he always tries to find a local doughnut shop whenever he visits a new city. He also likes to get away and try different coffee shops on the weekends to read.

# Who are WU?

## Athletics' Strength and Conditioning

This month's spotlight is on the strength & conditioning coaching staff in Athletics. They develop, implement, and supervise the student athletes' workouts throughout the year — not just in season! — to ensure that the athletes achieve their physical potential and meet their training goals in a consistent, safe, and productive environment.



# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

This month's spotlight is on

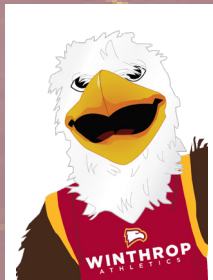
Lydia Johnson, *administrative specialist, Office of Finance and Business Affairs*



Lydia is the administrative specialist for the Office of Finance and Business Affairs. She has been employed at Winthrop for 24 years. After 21 years of hard work and persistence, she graduated with her B.A. in 2016. She majored in sociology with a concentration in criminology, and minored in social sciences.

She has been married for 34 years to Ronald Johnson, and has three children named Jayden, Rico, and Emoni. She also has two grandchildren named MaKenzie and Riley. In her spare time, she volunteers helping others through different community service programs and mission projects. She is currently the president of the Union Baptist Church Missionary Society in Chester, South Carolina. She also loves crafting and creating balloons for birthdays, weddings, and other events.

## 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: Laura Foster, *program director - volunteer and community service, Career and Civic Engagement*.

## Parking News

Campus Police will now provide special temporary parking passes to staff members in the last trimester of pregnancy so that they are able to park closer to their buildings! You must already have a permanent parking decal in order to request a temporary one for pregnancy. For more information, or to request a temporary permit, please visit the Campus Police office or contact Thelma Steele.

# Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions concerned Winthrop's organizational hierarchy, out-of-date information on the website, advertising open staff positions, the surplus process, the swings on scholars' walk, and the emergency response to the Byrnes fire.
- President Mahony spoke about national enrollment trends and new tactics designed to increase enrollment here at Winthrop.
- Bryan Harriss, *general manager, Dining Services*, introduced himself and presented information about Winthrop's new dining services partner, Sodexo.
- Nicole Chisari, *communications coordinator, University Communications and Marketing*, announced that a new ombudsperson office has been proposed at Winthrop. The proposal has been endorsed by Faculty Conference and Staff Assembly. More information will be announced soon.

For more details, view the Staff Conference minutes available on our webpage

# Oops!

Our last issue incorrectly captioned a photo of Kia Fulton, *user support technician, Computing & Information Technology*. We're sorry about that, Kia!

Find us on 

# 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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