

STAFF stuff

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CAMPUS SAFETY WEEK

September 16-20 is the first annual Campus Safety Week. A variety of safety programming aimed at students, faculty, and staff will be announced. Campus Police will be offering active aggressor training for staff immediately after Staff Conference on September 17. Keep an eye out for more details!

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New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

John Bailey, *police officer, Campus Police*

Allison Brinkley, *adult student outreach and services coordinator, Graduate School*

Jessica Brown, *registered nurse, Health Services*

Emily Erickson, *director of marketing and fan engagement, Athletics*

Elbony Fleming, *systems programmer and blackboard administrator, Accreditation, Accountability, and Academic Services*

Zack Freesman, *director of men's basketball operations, Athletics*

David Gordon, *system administrator, Computing & Information Technology*

Teri Haddaway, *administrative specialist, Mathematics*

Dysean Haire, *programmer analyst, Computing & Information Technology*

Kelly Hall, *ABC project program specialist, Visual and Performing Arts*

David Lewis, *police officer, Campus Police*

Aurianna Long, *director of women's basketball operations, Athletics*

Claudia McCullough, *benefits administrator, Human Resources*

Sarai Ortega, *admissions counselor, Admissions*

Matthew Robichaud, *electrician, Facilities Management*

Howard Sellers, *boiler operator, Facilities Management*

Ginger Squires-Gensicki, *administrative assistant, Student Life*

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:

Rose Guyer, *assistant director for data management, Admissions.*

Meet Claudia!

benefits administrator, Human Resources



On August 1, Claudia McCullough joined Winthrop's Human Resources Division serving as our new benefits administrator. Her arrival occurred just in time for assisting with new-hire orientations and setting up benefits as we onboard new employees for this school year and on the cusp of our upcoming open enrollment season, beginning September 15. Claudia joins Brittany Cromedy, *senior benefits administrator*, and LeeAnn Pounds, *employee relations manager*, to complete our benefits team.

Claudia has lived in the Rock Hill area for the past five years and was in the Charlotte area for a number of years prior to moving to Rock Hill. You may see her at local high school athletic events supporting her husband's teams. Claudia's husband coaches football and track at South Pointe High School, while working full-time for the City of Rock Hill. Her son recently graduated from North Carolina A&T with a degree in psychology and currently works with adolescents at a local non-profit.

Originally from Selma, Alabama, Claudia has lived in a number of interesting cities, including Dexheim, Germany. Claudia is the oldest child and only daughter in her family with two brothers. Claudia earned her bachelor's degree in HR administration from Saint Leo University in Florida. Claudia worked in Human Resources for a higher education institution early in her career, serving as a benefits specialist for Kennesaw State University, where she earned an M.B.A.

Coming to Winthrop from the HR Department of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District, where she worked with workplace accommodations and employee relations matters, Claudia is enjoying her shorter commute and being at an employer Winthrop's size. At other times throughout her career in Human Resources, Claudia has worked in companies of various sizes helping with different aspects of Human Resources, such as administering leave and benefits, staffing, identifying accommodations at work for employees' needs as provided by the ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act), and employee relations management.

Claudia's role at Winthrop will allow her to meet many of you as she assists new and current employees with all types of benefits and related questions. She will assist with the coordination of Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") needs for Winthrop employees. She serves as a source of information and assistance in providing insight as to retirement options for employees and requested workplace accommodations. Claudia is waiting with her warm personality and smile to provide Winthrop employees with a high-quality level of service by helping them in any way possible. She can be reached at extension 6261 or mcculloughcp@winthrop.edu.

Milestones



Valerie Kerr, *assistant athletic director for compliance, Athletics*, and her husband, Trevor, were married on June 29 in Youngstown, Pennsylvania.



Lori Tuttle, *executive director, Alumni Relations*, and her husband, Wes, welcomed their second daughter, Ella, on August 14.

Save the Date!



Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Alessia Cara will perform live in concert at Winthrop Coliseum on Friday, October 4 at 8 p.m. She exploded onto the music scene in 2015 with her smash debut single “Here,” which sold more than three million copies and became Spotify’s Most Viral Song of 2015. Her other hits include “Scars to Your Beautiful” and “Wild Things,” her collaborations with Zedd – “Stay” and Logic – “1-800-273-8255,” and the official song for Disney’s *Moana* “How Far I’ll Go.” She was 2017’s most streamed new female artist, and in 2018 she won the Grammy for Best New Artist.

This event will be a fun precursor to Family Day on Saturday, October 5. Tickets are available at WinthropEagles.com/Tickets, AlessiaCara.com, or TicketReturn.com.

Upcoming Wellness Events

Retirewise Workshop:

September 5, 12, and 19

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. DIGs Room 221. Register [Here](#).

Please note that this is an educational service and not a sales pitch from MetLife. You do not need to be a MetLife member to participate.

Benefits and Wellness Fair:

October 1

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Richardson Ballroom

Come meet vendors, including insurance carrier representatives, and have your questions answered! Winthrop benefits staff will also be available to assist you with any benefits questions you have.

Open Enrollment Informational Sessions:

October 10 and 22

11 a.m.-Noon. Location and registration information available through the [CPE Calendar](#)

Open enrollment begins September 15 and goes through October 31!

Preventative Wellness Screenings:

Register online at www.mfphealthscan.com.

Screening Date	Location	Code
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 (7 a.m. - 11 a.m.)	Richardson Ballroom	154514
Thursday, October 17, 2019 (7 a.m. - 11 a.m.)	McBryde Hall	304714

Have you heard of SCWHE? (South Carolina Women in Higher Education)



Staff and faculty members from public and private higher education institutions throughout South Carolina join together several times each year as active members of South Carolina Women in Higher Education (SCWHE). The group's purpose is to improve higher education in South Carolina by promoting women's leadership and participation. SCWHE works to accomplish this mission through supporting opportunities for women's leadership development and career advancement. More detailed information on SCWHE's goals can be found here: [SCWHE Goals and Mission](#).

Currently LeeAnn Pounds, *employee relations manager, Human Resources*, serves as Winthrop's institutional representative. LeeAnn hopes to increase awareness and involvement of SCWHE in the Winthrop community

during 2019-2020 by enlisting the help and support of DeAnn Brame, *digital services and system librarian, Dacus Library*, and others interested in attending on-campus and statewide events.

The first planned event will be held on **Thursday, September 26** as a co-sponsored opportunity between Staff Conference's Professional Development Committee and Winthrop's aspiring SCWHE group. Dr. Mattell Jones (*pictured above*), vice president of student services at Greenville Technical College, will share inspiring words on how women are helping one another break the barriers in higher education workplaces, along with some information about SCWHE and creating a local Winthrop group. A reception will be held from 10:30-11 a.m., followed by the speaker's remarks at 11 a.m.

Appetizers will be provided for attendees. Please signup to attend through the [online signup](#) and contact poundsl@winthrop.edu with any questions.

SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

Claire Mooney-Melvin

director of academic and student services, Athletics



Hello, my name is Claire Mooney-Melvin, and I am the director of academic and student services for Winthrop Athletics. I work with all student-athletes and help guide them during their academic career. I have worked at Winthrop for nine years. I started here as an athletic academic assistant then spent a few years in Admissions. I came back to athletics in this role last year. I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Saint Louis University, a master's degree in education with a concentration in sport studies from Southern Illinois University, and a master's in business administration from Winthrop. Outside of work, I live with my boyfriend, Roger, and our furbabies: Brutus, Harley, and M&M. I love all things sports and spend a lot of time volunteering at the York County Humane Society.

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.

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