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Save the Date!

Convocation will take place on Monday,
August 23 at 11 a.m. at the Coliseum.
More details will be coming via e-mail!

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Josh Bouldin, *development officer, Development Office*

Justin Browner, *assistant strength and conditioning coach, Athletics*

Crystal Consalvi, *accountant, Controller's Office*

Jessica Duthie, *athletic trainer, Athletics*

James Grigg, *associate vice president, Facilities Management*

John Mace, *business consultant, Small Business Development Center*

Kelly Mathis, *assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics*

Kara McHouell, *athletic trainer, Athletics*

Melissa Mims, *senior procurement officer, Purchasing*

Christine Shannon, *admissions counselor, Admissions*

Robert Teal, *network engineer, Computing & Information Technology*

Parker Thomas, *police officer, Campus Police*

Summer Vacation

Did you travel this summer? Discover a new favorite book series? Take up gardening, painting, or hiking? We want to hear all about it! Send a photo to cauthenk@winthrop.edu or post to the [Staff Conference Facebook Page](#) to be featured in the next newsletter!

Milestones



Jeff Lahr, *assistant athletic director for athletic training, Athletics*, accepted the Dr. Edward M. Singleton Leadership Award from Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander on behalf of Winthrop's athletic training staff. The award recognized the exceptional work staff did to ensure that student athletes could compete safely during the pandemic.



Barb Yeager, *executive support specialist, Winthrop McNair Scholars Program*, with President Hynd during May's Commencement ceremony where she earned her B.S. in business administration with a concentration in health care management.

Share your milestones with us!

Gina Jones, *registrar, Records & Registration*, celebrated the graduation of her twin sons over Mother's Day weekend this year. One of her sons graduated from Furman, and the other graduated from Winthrop with a bachelor's in music education (and sang the National Anthem at Commencement!). Congratulations!

Whether you've purchased a new home, earned a degree, welcomed a baby (or grandbaby!), adopted a pet, reached a milestone birthday, run a marathon, or just have exciting news you'd like to share - we're excited and want to celebrate with you! Send an e-mail to cauthenk@winthrop.edu to be included in the next newsletter!

STAFF MEMBER of the month



April

Andrew Davis
studio technician and instructor
Department of Fine Art

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been at Winthrop as an employee for five years, and before that as a graduate student for three.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

More than anything, I have enjoyed getting to know our custodians and food service folks. They are some of the most important people at Winthrop when it comes to the mission and ethos of our institution. Without them we would fail.

What drives you to make such a difference?

I want to leave Winthrop a safer and better equipped place for our faculty, staff, and students to work and learn. We owe a huge thanks to our teammates in the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. They work very hard for our benefit and well-being.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

Without a doubt our beautiful campus. We are all stewards of a truly incredible place.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I enjoy cycling, running at Winthrop lake, and enjoying our city, state, and national parks. Sometimes I'm a video game nerd, but don't tell anyone.

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

Your voices are the loudest voices at Winthrop and they are louder when they're together. Without them, we would have no way of knowing who we are or what we should be.

April Nominees

Donna Guerra, *administrative specialist, Music*; Scott Helms, *accounts payable analyst, Accounts Payable*; TJ Hyatt, *academic space and scheduling coordinator, Records & Registration*; John Kroft, *registration and readmission coordinator, Records & Registration*; Sam Kroft, *program assistant, University College Dean's Office*; Steve Moseley, *environmental health manager, Risk Management*; Kathie Park, *budget analyst and facilities manager, Richard W. Riley College of Education*; Jessica VanCleave, *digital content specialist, Admissions*; and Nancy White, *library technical assistant, Ida Jane Dacus Library*.



May

Alexis Roy
administrative assistant
Philosophy & Religious Studies; Sociology, Criminology, & Anthropology; and World Languages & Cultures

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I've been at Winthrop since October 2017.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

I was an undergraduate at Winthrop.

What drives you to make such a difference?

I don't know that there's a drive to make a difference as much as I just enjoy the people and do what I can to help.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

My favorite part of Winthrop is the beautiful campus.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

In my spare time, I paint. I'm an abstract painter. I also enjoy reading and spending time with my husband and kids.

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

Use this time to study hard and get through the degree program you're paying for. You have the rest of your life to party, so do your best now for your future self.

May Nominees

Pete Airheart, *senior designer, University Communications & Marketing*; Brandon Braswell, *technology services technician, Computing & Information Technology*; Nicole Chisari, *communications coordinator, University Communications & Marketing*; Maura Conway, *administrative assistant, Fine Arts*; Maria D'Agostino, *associate registrar, Records & Registration*; Paul Davis, *library security, Ida Jane Dacus Library*; Noreen Gaubatz, *director of assessment, Accreditation, Accountability, & Academic Services*; Dia Hablutzel, *field placement coordinator, Susan Rex Institute for Educational Renewal & Partnerships*; Brian Hipp, *director of business intelligence and data management, Accreditation, Accountability, & Academic Services*; Megan Rolf, *director of recruitment, Admissions*; Caroline Rust-Ward, *campus events manager, Office of University Events*; Nancy White, *library technical assistant, Ida Jane Dacus Library*; and Tina Williams, *administrative assistant, Macfeat Early Childhood Lab School*.

Meet the new Staff Assembly Chair



John Kroft

registration and readmission coordinator

Records & Registration

Originally from central Florida, my wife (then girlfriend) and I moved to Rock Hill in the summer of 2016. I immediately began taking undergraduate classes at Winthrop that fall, while Samantha first took two semesters at York Tech before then also transferring to Winthrop. Ultimately, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in English in Fall 2018, and she finished a semester later with a B.A. in psychology. Following my graduation, I applied for employment in Records and Registration, where I still reside as the registration and readmission coordinator as part of a great team. Now, as a full-time employee

of my alma mater, I could not be more excited to further contribute to my community as the chair of Staff Assembly for the 2021-22 year. What's more is that the staff now have a liaison to the Board of Trustees through the assembly chair after several years of collectively striving, and I'm more than honored to serve in this capacity. Additionally, the presidential search will soon commence, and though possibly a monumental task, I hope to also involve myself in that process as well. For those of you who know me, you know that, while it comes in many different phrasings, my personal motto runs along the lines "how can I help?" This is the perfect opportunity for me to help as much as I can, and I'm looking forward to it.

Outside of work, you'll find me in pursuit of an M.B.A. through our very own College of Business Administration (or you won't, because our friends, the faculty, keep me very busy through coursework). I jump from hobby to hobby, when I have the time for any of them, but some of my favorites are casual videogames, unicycling, and most recently some amateur woodworking. Samantha and I have two cats, Jacqueline Onassis Lantern and Ginnungagap Halloween Lantern. Each is a menace in her own right, but they keep us company, since the rest of our families are still in Florida. I'm an open book though, so if there's anything else you want to know about me, feel free to ask!

Find us on Facebook!



Staff Conference Highlights

May

- Staff questions covered topics such as remote work, drinking fountains on campus, furloughs, IT services, and hiring decisions.
- Amanda Stewart, *director of program administration, Foundation*, presented information about Affinity Groups and how staff can get involved.

June

- Staff questions covered the legislated salary increase, flexible and remote work schedules, dusty buildings, the campus dress code, mental health days, and changes in summer parking rules.
- Staff Assembly shared details from the 2020-2021 Annual Report.
- Staff Assembly members whose terms have ended were recognized, and the newly elected representatives were introduced.

To view the complete PowerPoint or review the minutes, visit the [Staff Conference SharePoint Site!](#)

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: Teri Haddaway, *administrative specialist, Mathematics*.

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