

# Welcome Back!

# STAFF stuff

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## Welcome Week STUFF

Monday, August 14:

10 a.m.: President's Welcome, McBryde Hall

Tuesday, August 15:

2 p.m.: Staff Assembly

Saturday, August 19:

8 p.m.: Cultural Explosion Featuring Drums on Polynesia, Byrnes Auditorium

Sunday, August 20:

8 p.m.: BlackOUT Party, Richardson Ballroom

Monday, August 21:

3:30 p.m.: Convocation, Byrnes

4:30 p.m.: Community Picnic, Front Lawn

Tuesday, August 22:

8p.m.: Music Night featuring pop/rock band, Half the Animal, Byrnes Auditorium

Wednesday, August 23:

8 p.m.: Wild Out Wednesday w/ Comedian Andy Erikson, Byrnes Auditorium

Thursday, August 24:

8 p.m.: "Masters of Magic" featuring Magician/Illusionist Kid Ace, Byrnes Auditorium

Friday, August 25:

9 p.m.: West Fest, West Center

Saturday, August 26:

8 p.m.: EagleFlicks: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, Dina's Place

Sunday, August 27:

8 p.m.: Words Matter- spoken word artist, Olivia Gatwood, Tillman Auditorium

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# SPOTLIGHT

## on Staff Assembly

**Welcome to our new Staff Assembly Representatives:**

Kaye Burks, *benefits administrator, Office of VP of Human Resources*; Amanda Hackney, *assistant to the dean, Office of the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences*; Wes Love, *project manager, Facilities Management*; Alicia Marstall, *director of DiGiorgio Campus Center, Student Affairs*.



At the June 2017 Staff Conference these five received Certificate of Service award:

*from left to right:*  
 Janell Stevens- Academic Affairs  
 Pat Blankenship- HR, Employee Diversity & Wellness  
 Grant Scurry- Student Life  
 Barbara Emery- Finance & Business  
 Niki Behr- Finance & Business {not pictured}

On behalf of the staff conference, we thank these five individuals for their commitment, time, dedication and the valuable insight they provided throughout their time as Staff Assembly Representatives.

It is this type of dedication that allowed us to accomplish a number of our goals and continue to be successful in the future. We want to extend a special thanks to Grant Scurry — our Chair — for doing an amazing job over the past two years. Thank you, Grant — for your leadership, guidance, encouragement and the great sense of humor you brought to the group. Again, thank you for your support and for the amazing job you all did.

We wish you the very best and look forward to your ongoing involvement with staff conference.

# Committee Corner



We would like to extend a thank you to the Professional Development Committee for their successful and educational professional development conference. We are extremely proud of all of their hard work and enthusiasm.  
*from left to right: Cassandra Wright, degree audit/academic systems coordinator, Records and Registration; Brittany Pigford, archivist III, Dacus Library; Brittany Neely, campus relations coordinator, Alumni Relations; Goldie Gildehaus, career consultant, Career and Civic Engagement; Nicole Chisari, communications coordinator, Office of Communications and Marketing.*  
*not pictured: LeeAnn Pounds, employee relations manager, Human Resources.*

The Winthrop Tent at the Come See Me Tailgate on April 29 was even bigger success this year- and the success is due to the hard work, team work and dedication of some very special individuals ... We truly appreciate and thank each of you for all that you do for Winthrop!

*front, left to right: Pam Varraso, administrative specialist, Student Affairs; Kelly Shelton, housing specialist, Inn at Winthrop; Brittany Pigford, archivist III, Dacus Library.*  
*back, left to right: Joan Weir, administrative assistant, Student Life; Margaret Ann Comer, executive support specialist, Office of University Events; De Wells, administrative specialist II, Residence Life; Jessie Williams, Controllers Office; Charlene Drummond, archivist III, Dacus Library; Rachel Glover, IT administrative coordinator, Computing and Information Technology.*  
*not pictured: Jerry Fussell, campus center technology services coordintor, Student Affairs; Phyllis Redden, Student Affairs; Janelle Stevens, assistant director, TRiO.*



# STAFF MEMBER of the month



## April:

*Joan Hetherington, manager of business & personnel operations, Facilities Management*

**How many years have you been at Winthrop?** It will be 10 years in July.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?** All of the people that I work with.

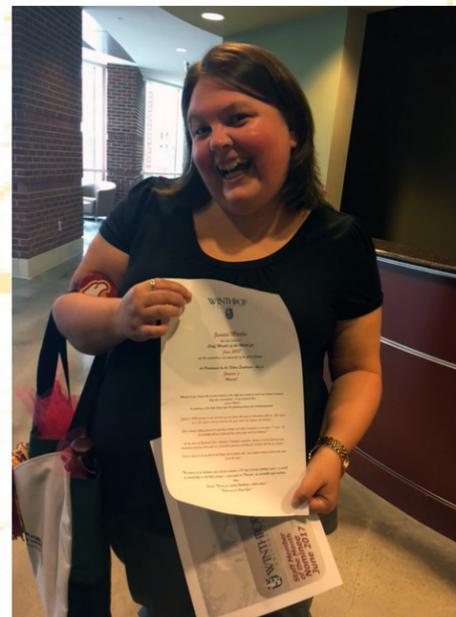
**What drives you every day to make such a difference?** It is a great feeling when you can accomplish goals to-

gether and make Winthrop a special place.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?** The people.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?** I enjoy running and driving back to Pittsburgh to see family!

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?** That all of the Winthrop faculty and staff are here to help them be successful!



## June:

*Jessica Martin, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life*

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

**What makes Winthrop special to you?** Winthrop gives me the opportunity to teach, travel, and learn something new every day, all while being able to watch my students

grow! I have also met so many amazing people who are my privilege to work with!

**What drives you every day to make such a difference?** Knowing that I've had an impact on even just one student makes my day!

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?** The students!

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?** In my spare time I like water sports, traveling, art, volunteering, and escaping from escape rooms!

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?** There are so many resources at Winthrop that exist to help you reach your goals in life, take advantage of all of them while you are here and enjoy college!

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

## April (left):

front, left to right: Kim Foster, admissions counselor, Admissions; Dia Hablutzel, placement coordinator, Office of Field and Clinical Experiences; Shawn Cetrone, videographer, University Communications & Marketing.

back, left to right: Cindy Cassens, Residence Life; Joan Hetherington, manager of business & personnel operations, Facilities Management {winner}; Jonathan Thomas, systems programmer, Computing and Information Technology.

not pictured: Jen Fricke, executive support specialist, Office of the Dean, College of Education.



## June:

Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, business analyst, Accreditation and Accountability; Grant Scurry, assistant dean of students, director of the West Center/ recreational services, Student Affairs; Susan Silverman, director of library assessment, Dacus Library.

## May (right):

front, left to right: Judy Longshaw, news & media services manager, Office of Communications and Marketing; Jessie Williams, Controllers Office.

not pictured: Allie Briggs, operations manager, Social & Behavioral Research Lab; Ginger Crocker, Facilities Management.



## May:

*Bert Daniels, program assistant, Mass Communication*

**How many years have you been at Winthrop?** 11 months.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?** I am able to see the impact of student achievements on a local and national level.

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

To surround our students with a college experience that is positive, nurturing and stress free.

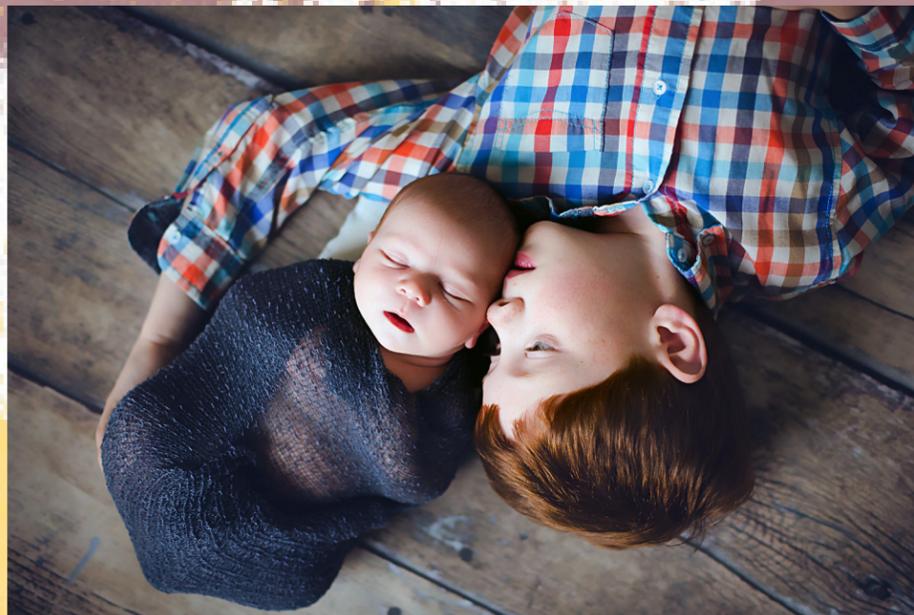
**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?** MCOM students.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?** Travel, read and try new recipes.

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?** We care ... and will do everything we can to ensure your college career is a successful one.



# WU Milestones



Congratulations to Monica Bennett, *director of communications, University Communications and Marketing*, on the birth of her son, Caston James Bennett, on April 7. He weighed 8lbs 12oz and was 20 ¼ inches long. He is pictured above with his proud big brother Landon (7).



Congratulations to Tammy Gillet, *data specialist, Records and Registration*, on celebrating her 30th wedding anniversary with her husband, Clarence. They are pictured above celebrating in Maui, Hawaii on May 16.

## New Hires

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

Taryn Moreno, *eagle club coordinator, Athletics*; Gabe Holguin, *director of women's basketball operations, Athletics*; Benjamin Abbot, *head strength & conditioning coach, Athletics*; Tesia Harris, *assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics*; Emily Cranwell, *AV/reference librarian, Dacus Library*; Deedee Cousar, *administrative specialist, College of Education*; Jasmine Howze, *academic coach, University College*; Tobias Pinson, *assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics*; Elizabeth Moore, *residential learning coordinator, Student Life*; Kashin McElveen, *police offi-*

*cer, Campus Police*; Mike Delgado, *service desk manager, IT*; Valerie Dunlap, *compliance coordinator, Athletics*; CJ Smith, *admissions coordinator, Admissions*; Terri Wright, *executive director, SPAR*; Amanda James, *assistant to the vice president, Access and Enrollment Management*; Tissy Kennedy, *telecommunicator, Campus Police*; Kimberly Tullos, *director of residence life, Student Life*.



Congratulations to Claire Weikle, *program assistant, Interdisciplinary Studies* and Keith Benson, *professor/graduate director, Management and Marketing*, who earned their M.B.A. and were hooded during the May 4 Graduate graduation ceremony.



## 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](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.

## 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.

[www.winthrop.edu/staff](http://www.winthrop.edu/staff)

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