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The next Staff Conference meeting is on Friday,
March 1 at 2:30pm in Owens G02.



Missed the last meeting?
View the presentation on
the [Staff Conference
webpage](#).

Mark Your Calendars

President's Day

February 19

Offices are open and classes are in session.

Leap Day

February 29

Don't forget, 2024 is a leap year!
That means one extra day in February.

Staff Conference

March 1

Staff Conference meets at 2:30 pm in Owens G02.

Congrats, Staff Grads!



Center above is Cody Cook, Archivist at Louise Pettus Archives. Cody was one of the recipients of the President's Award for Academic Excellence at the December ceremony.

This is our first issue since 2023, so we want to start the year right by congratulating the Staff who earned a degree from Winthrop in December 2023. Congratulations to Kathleen Park (Bachelor of Professional Studies), Donald Sullivan (Bachelor of Science), and Cody Cook (Bachelor of Arts).

Also, a big thank you to all the staff that worked or volunteered at the December 2023 Commencement Ceremony!



Joanna Harris, Education Services Coordinator in CESHs, volunteering at commencement.



Nominees

for Staff Member of the Month

Nominees:

Mary Gagnon, Human Resources

Sarah Kesler, CBA Dean's Office

Phyllis Redden, Dean of Students

Lionel Todman, Biology Department

Phyllis Redden

Coordinator for Information Services & Campus Space Reservations System

Dean of Students

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have worked at Winthrop for 13 years: working in Student Engagement, operating the switchboard, and managing space reservations. I was also a student at Winthrop from 1975 to 1980.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

The wonderful students, faculty and staff that I get to work with!

What drives you to make such a difference?

I am a naturally driven person, but here I hope to make a difference by helping at least one person every day! If I can do that I have had a great day.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

Wow, hard question. There is too much at Winthrop to love. I enjoy seeing students every day. I love helping with everyone's space reservations and events. I especially love seeing (and being a part of) the growth of students from freshman year to their graduation. And I love being the

voice on the phone when someone calls Winthrop for help.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I garden, cook and read. I love cooking all types of food and baking (even the most challenging recipes). But most of my spare time is spent with my husband, Sam, family and my miniature Schnoodle, Bella. I am fortunate that I live close enough to Winthrop to be able to go home every day at lunch and walk Bella.

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

I have more than one... Be a good student first (it is only 4-5 short years). Work and study hard, but also be engaged and take advantage of the many activities and organizations that are offered. Attend as many Career Development events as possible. You will be surprised at all the different life careers out in the world that you would have never imagined. Your hard work and activities will make a big difference in your time spent here at Winthrop and for the rest of your life.

Have an awesome coworker? Use the [nomination form](#) to submit their name for Staff Member of the Month.

Staff Member of the Month



Finding

Big Stuff

Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has the illustration above of our beloved mascot, Big Stuff, hidden somewhere throughout the pages. If you find him, 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.

A Winthrop Welcome

to our newest hires!

Ashley Blanchard, Associate Vice President of Advancement

Abigail Catoe, Admissions Counselor, Admissions

Nykeria Foster, Admissions Counselor, Admissions

Jackson Houston, User Support Technician, Computing and Information Technology

Mary Jordan, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President

Christine Mason, Administrative Assistant, Social Work

Lexx Rain, Accounting Technician, Student Financial Services

Becky Ross, Director, Center for Career Development and Internships

Donnie Sullivan, User Support Technician, Computing and Information Technology

Milestones!

Kim Wunderlich

We got married on October 28th, 2023.

My husband is the Lab Manager for Biology (Stefan Wunderlich), and I'm the Lab Manager for Chemistry.



Campus Race to Zero Waste

The 2024 Campus Race To Zero Waste is our chance to bring attention to how we generate and dispose of our waste. Last year, Winthrop increased recycling of electronics and scrap metal by 50%! However, we sent to the landfill nearly 3.5 million pounds of waste, an average of 700 lbs. for each student, faculty, and staff member. This year's challenge will continue focusing on reducing our landfill waste and collecting only the recyclable items accepted by the York County Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

Additional information about recycling at Winthrop can be found on the Office of Sustainability website. Follow us on social media or contact sustainability@winthrop.edu for additional information about how to USE LESS! RECYCLE RIGHT!



Spotlight on Staff Assembly



Katie has served as director of marketing at Winthrop since October 2015. She graduated from Winthrop in 2007 with a B.S. in Integrated Marketing Communication. Prior to working at Winthrop, she worked in marketing at the Arts Council of York County and Piedmont Medical Center.

A self-proclaimed nerd, she loves all things Harry Potter (proud Hufflepuff), Star Wars and Disney, and feels she'll never have enough time to play all the video games, read all the books, and watch all the shows and movies she wants. She also loves to crochet—a skill her grandmother taught her when she was 12 years old! In her spare time, she loves watching sports and exploring comic conventions and bookstores with her husband Cory (also a 2007 Winthrop alum!) and her son Simon (7 years old).

Katie Price
Director of Marketing
Office of Communications and Marketing

Message from the New Provost

The college experience is so much more than time spent in the classroom. A staff member is usually a new student's first point of contact when considering joining the Winthrop family. After joining the family, students here at Winthrop are so fortunate to have such an exceptionally talented and caring staff dedicated to their success and providing an extraordinary experience. Often times, we don't realize that it is the little day-to-day things that our staff members do that make all the difference in the lives of our students and ultimately have a profound impact down the road... Whether it is removing a barrier to registration, sparking interest in a student organization, or providing assistance through an emotional, health, or academic crisis, these are the difference makers that help our students progress toward graduation and a high impact career afterwards, transforming their lives and their family's lives. Generational change is what you are facilitating every day... It all starts with that one student you will help today. :)... Please let me know if there is ever anything I can do to help you be more successful and happy here at our very special Winthrop University.

Thanks!
Sebastian

CCIC Updates

We took the pet food collected in December to the Council on Aging for their Meals on Wheels program for seniors. We estimated that we had 250+ pounds donated of dog and cat food, bedding and toys.



Data Bite
Winthrop's Fall 2023 first-time, full-time freshman retention rate of 72.8% is the highest rate in the last 5 years.

Hungry for the whole meal? Check out the full Retention Report.

IR DATA DOG

THE OFFICE OF ONLINE LEARNING AND ANTHOLOGY PRESENT

BLACKBOARD ULTRA DAY

February 16, 2024

Owens 101-104

9:00 AM- 12:15 PM



RSVP

https://bit.ly/RSVP_BBUltra2024

Upcoming Events

Want to know what's happening around campus?

Go to

<https://winthropevents.coursedog.com/> for more information about Winthrop events.

Campus Updates

Byrnes

Last week we poured new footings in the crawl space for a new structure for restrooms/ADA seating areas. This week we are working on steam outage to relocate steam piping in the crawl space to allow installation of the new elevator shaft/pit. Impacts Music steam/heat which will be restated Sunday.



McLaurin

Flood repair is wrapping up. New hallway lighting installed, wrapping up carpet/flooring on 3rd floor, installing studio flooring on 2nd floor rooms, painting 2nd floor rooms, furniture moved back in to 1st floor offices.

Bathrooms are wrapping up installation details to get ready for finish painting, cleaning and punch list.



Courtyard

Started fire sprinkler head replacement.

West Center

Roof replacement was delayed a bit as they were not able to work due to cold weather.

Full Campus

- Architectural boxing - working in the Bancroft back courtyard space replacing rotten trim. Started priming trim at Johnson between the cold and rain.
- Campus electrical upgrade working in the chiller plant poured new transformer and switching cube concrete pads on Tuesday.
- Over the winter break we upgraded the audio/visual equipment in six Owens classrooms, completed upgrades in one music classroom, and installed new chairs in three Thurmond classrooms.
- Grounds crew are starting mulching beds.



For March...

Do you have a story idea or an upcoming event you want to see in the Newsletter?

Send your submissions to staffstuff@winthrop.edu to be included in the next issue.