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The next Staff Conference meeting is on Friday, April 26 at 2:30pm in Whitton Auditorium.



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

Get Involved!

Staff Conference and the Campus and Community Involvement Committee need your help! There are many ways you can get involved. CCIC has a variety of events and drives both on campus and off campus or consider joining one of the Staff Conference committees. The committees are made up of staff from all over campus (so you'll get to meet lots of new people!), do not require a major time commitment, and help us all find new ways to collaborate across departments.



Bags for Benches

Our third and fourth benches have been placed on either side of the waterfall in Hardin Garden (pictured above). As of 2/27/2024, we have collected 181 lbs. We need 819 lbs. to get our next bench! Contact Chris Johnson at johnsonc@winthrop.edu for additional information.

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Mark Your Calendars

Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10

Spring forward on Sunday, March 10! Don't forget to set your clocks an hour forward so that you are not late to work on Monday.

Spring Break
March 11-15

Office will remain open throughout Spring Break, but no campus classes will be held during this time.

Winthrop Town hall
March 26

The President's cabinet will answer questions from the campus community. Submit questions in advance to townhalls@winthrop.edu. The town hall will be recorded and shared afterwards.



Katie Hartnett

Administrative Assistant

Department of Political Science, Philosophy,
Religion & Legal Studies; Department of History

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

It'll be 7 years this August.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

All of the faculty, staff, and students that I get to work with every day!

What drives you to make such a difference?

I think being able to watch our students' journeys, from freshman year to graduating and working in fields/careers they have worked so hard to pursue. Witnessing our students' successes. And setting a good example for my son.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

How active and engaged our students are. And the Model UN Conference!

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

These days, I spend most of my spare time taking care of our 4 month old baby, Graham. Spending quality time with him is my favorite hobby!

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

Get involved but don't spread yourself too thin! And explore study abroad!

Nominees

for Staff Member of the Month

December Nominees:

Brendon Braswell, Computing & Technology

Whitney Campbell, Admissions

Paula Garofalo, Admissions

Katie Hartnett, History / Political Science,

Philosophy, Religion, & Legal Studies

Tonya Smarr, Computing & Technology

Lionel Todman, Biology Department

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

Staff Member of the Month



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!

Rickii Banks, Recruitment Officer, CBA Dean's Office

Kyle Ferguson, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Athletics

Nathan Fisher, Network Engineer, Computing and Information Technology

KB Gwebu, Director of Assessment, Academic Affairs

Lori Howey, Director, Facilities Design and Development

Kyle Molinaris, Police Officer, Campus Police

Jacob Ridgway, Stewardship and Events Coordinator, Athletics

Dante Simmons, Campus Safety Officer, Campus Police

Winthrop Earns Top Rank for Affirmative Action

For the sixth year in a row Winthrop has earned the top spot among four-year South Carolina state universities in meeting our affirmative action goals for recruiting, retaining, and promoting minorities and women. Get more information at [S.C. Human Affairs Commission report](#) (chart is on p.44).

AMONG FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES		
RANKING	AGENCY	PERCENT
1	Winthrop University	91.6%
2	Francis Marion University	87.3%
3	Clemson University	82.0%
4	University of South Carolina	80.4%
4	Coastal Carolina University	80.4%
5	Lander University	79.9%
6	College of Charleston	78.9%
7	Citadel, The	78.0%
8	Medical University of South Carolina	74.9%
8	South Carolina State University	74.9%

Staff Conference Highlights

Staff Conference focused on Collaboration this month. To highlight this topic, we had several visitors who stopped in to share some exciting information with us.

We welcomed Taylor Degen as the new co-vice chair (through June) and incoming chair (starting in July). Dr. Serna stopped by to share updates including increases in retention and enrollment. The outgoing interim provost, Dr. Judge, and the new provost, Dr. van Delden, shared an update about Academic Affairs, including new programs.

Other news included notes about the upcoming Faculty/Staff social and updates from committees. Staff Feedback was shared with responses, which you can review on the [Staff Conference website](#).

Last Spring Semester
Staff Conference Meeting:
Friday, April 26
at 2:30 p.m. in Whitton Aud.



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Spotlight on Staff Assembly



Julianne has been at Winthrop for just over 25 years, working as the Assistant Director of Residence Life for Staff Development. Before Winthrop, she was a Residence Hall Director at SUNY Brockport while completing her Student Personnel Administration degree at SUNY Buffalo (Buffalo State). Julianne lives with her husband Andy and dog Muttley – both of whom you've probably seen walking around campus. There's also Freddie the 1953 Mercury, who currently lives in the Johnson lot. She collects things, including marbles, uranium glass, and ukuleles, and enjoys many hobbies like pinstriping, jewelry making, and tie dye. It's a long list that's always growing. Right now Julianne's craft time is taken up with decorating sleep masks for the Krewe of Morpheus parade, which she participated in for Mardi Gras 2024 in February. "Mardi Gras is a big deal for me because it's the one time of year when I get to see around 100 of my closest friends from around the country in one place!"

Julianne Schrader
Assistant Director of Residence Life for Staff Development
Office of Residence Life

Get Involved! (cont. from page 1)

Volunteer or donate to WUCycle!

Contact Julie Schrader at schraderj@winthrop.edu for more information.



Bethel Men's Shelter Meal

We are providing and serving a meal on Saturday, March 16th & need your help. Please sign up on our sign up genius using the QR code below. Contact Kelly Scott at scottks@winthrop.edu for more information.



Join a standing committee!

Please consider supporting the wonderful work that our Staff Conference standing committees do! You don't have to be on Staff Assembly to join a committee – anyone can join (and the more the merrier!)

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| Campus & Community Involvement | Staff Recognition |
| Elections & Nominations | Professional Development |
| Media & Communications | Staff Feedback |

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please contact us at staffassembly@winthrop.edu.



Eagles Giving Back

OneBlood's big red bus visited campus on February 6th. Their team registered 29 donors and collected 19 units. Since each unit can help 3 separate patients, Winthrop faculty, staff and students impacted the lives of 57 local patients in just a few hours!

Open Q&A Townhall with the Cabinet

- March 26 at 11am-11:45am
- Richardson Ballroom
- Teams/Zoom option will be available.
- The President gives short welcome, otherwise no program.
- Faculty and staff encouraged to ask questions in person or virtually.
- Faculty and staff can submit anonymous questions to their supervisor, chair, dean, etc to be asked on their behalf.



Upcoming Events

Want to know what's happening around campus?

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

Where are WU?

The Center for Career Development and Internships (CDI)

The Center for Career Development and Internships (CDI) has a new location in Bancroft Annex, the main office in 312. Please stop by and say hello! The CDI provides resources and programs for students and alumni to develop the necessary skills to conduct effective career searches and make informed career decisions. Services include career guidance (appointments and drop-in hours Tues/Thurs 11 am-12:15 pm), professional development workshops, résumé critiques, mock interviews, internship assistance, employment fairs, and an extensive career management system, **Handshake**, where students and alumni can search for part time jobs, internships, full-time jobs, or volunteer opportunities.

The CDI develops and fosters relationships with employers throughout the region, and beyond, to cultivate internship and career opportunities for students and alumni. Handshake is the hub of activity not only for job postings but also on campus and virtual info sessions, regional events, and interviews. We welcome organizations to Winthrop's campus for several career fair events each year.

The CDI helps students dress for success by providing them with access to professional attire for their upcoming interviews, career fairs and networking events, and internships. Students can choose from our professional wardrobe items including suits, blazers, collared shirts, blouses, slacks, dresses, shoes, and ties. The Career Closet is located in 312 Bancroft Hall and is available during our drop-in hours and by appointment.

Visit <https://www.winthrop.edu/cdi/> to learn more and [meet our team!](#)

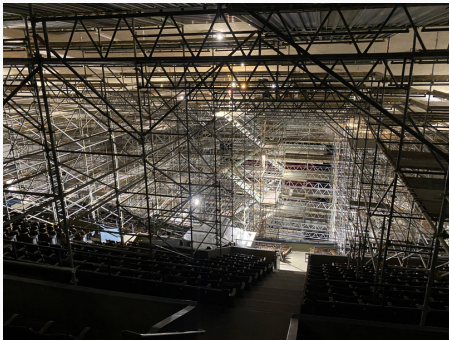


Campus Updates



Major work is currently happening in Byrnes!

The plaster repair of the main ceiling is underway (top left photo) and may be at a point to start painting in 2 weeks. They are roughing in electrical and new plumbing piping under the balcony for new lower level bathrooms (two photos on the right). In 2 weeks they aim to remove the scaffolding under the balcony to start framing for the new floor level bathrooms (bottom left photo). We have also received state approval for a funding increase to cover GMP3 and are starting paperwork to adjust the contract amount.



Other Current Projects

- McLaurin bathroom – clean up & punch list.
- McLaurin flood repair – last steps of punch list, faculty moved back in.
- Architectural boxing repairs – waiting on more wood trim for Kinard and a delivery date for the new columns.
- Courtyard ADA suite renovation in the final stages.
- Courtyard fire sprinkler phase 1 – City Fire Marshall and engineer inspections happening now.
- Fountain – starting brick monument installation for naming/donor plaques mid-March (weather dependent).

Projects Coming Soon

- Joynes roof replacement and brick repair – bids opened Feb 27. Had good bids and are currently reviewing packets and will start paperwork to award contracts.
- Lee Wicker roof replacement – bids opened Feb 29. Had very good bids and are reviewing packets and will start paperwork to award contracts.
- Wofford-Richardson – abatement nearly complete; the elevator cabs, weights and cables dropped into basement. Bid for the utility disconnecting and demolition should be advertised shortly (bid opening April 5).
- Stewart House envelope repairs – working on contracts.
- Bancroft fire alarm replacement – working on contracts.
- Planning summer 2024 residence hall work.

For April...

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.