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Staff Conference will take a break for summer. Meetings will resume in August.



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

Mark Your Calendars

Community Garden Every Saturday

The Winthrop Community Garden has volunteer hours with Master Gardeners every Saturday throughout the summer.

[Sign up here!](#)

Summer Holidays May 20 & July 4

Winthrop offices are closed on Memorial Day, Monday May 29 and Independence Day, Monday July 4! Offices are open until 12:30pm on the Fridays prior to the holidays.

Summer Schedule May 8 - Aug 4

Campus Offices are open 8am-5:30pm Mon - Thurs and 8am-11:30am on Fridays. Hope you enjoy your early Fridays!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to all the Winthrop Staff who graduated in May 2023! Also, a big thank you to all the staff who help out at each of the graduation ceremonies! You help make this day really special for our students.

May 2023 staff graduates not pictured below:
Nicole Ford (MBA) Kathleen West (MEd in CSDV)

Right: Leah Simmonds, alumni career program director, poses with President Serna.

Below: Five staff members graduated from the Learning Design & Technology program (left to right): Leah Simmonds, Tiffany Smathers, Alexis Roy, Suzy Therrell, Heather Carter.





Martha Ocampo Chaguendo

custodial worker
Facilities Management

Praise from Martha's nomination form

Everyone, especially in Facilities, serves the university every single day, but Martha has definitely gone above and beyond in her service taking on an additional building for a while and doing it extremely well.

She has been so helpful in her little time in Dinkins and works the odd hours (most often very late and extremely early) so that everyone has a clean and tidy workspace to come to each day.

Martha is filling in as custodian for Dinkins Hall and has gone to great lengths to ensure the building stays clean and every area maintained.

She normally works in Withers, but has taken on Dinkins in the absence of a permanent building custodian. Martha has been so kind in offering to clean areas not usually looked after and extremely communicative about her hours and what she intends to do her next shift.

The basement level of Dinkins is often forgotten, but Martha has taken great care of it in her little time here! With more students in the basement area of the building right now, I was worried about the upkeep of the space, but Martha showed up right on time and assured me everything would be taken care of.

Nominees

for Staff Member of the Month

Wanda McCullough – Custodial Worker,
Facilities Management

Kelly Scott – Senior Data Analyst, Institutional
Effectiveness

Michelle Wolf – Academic Success Center
Director, TRiO Program

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

Congratulations to last month's winner: **Teri Haddaway**, administrative specialist, Mathematics.

Staff Member of the Month

Student Affairs Awards

Several staff were honored at the Student Affairs Award Ceremony this spring.

Fred Angerman
Quality Staff Award:
Charles Yearta

Wellness Alliance Award:
Jessica Hudgens

Wellness Advocate Award:
Karen Medlin



Chief of Police
Charles Yearta,
winner of the Fred
Angerman Quality
Staff Award

A Winthrop Welcome

to our newest hires!

Jack Boggs, User Support Technician, Computing and Information Technology

Cindy Hinds, ABC Institute Program Coordinator, Arts in Basic Curriculum

Sabrina Johal, Police Officer, Campus Police

Jarad Russell, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residence Education, Dean of Students

Krista Scherpf, Administrative Assistant, World Languages and Cultures

Kevin Williams, Campus Safety Officer, Campus Police

Staff Conference Highlights

A big thank you to everyone who served on Staff Assembly this year and a big welcome to everyone who was elected to serve next year!

Staff Assembly honored Debbie Garricks's service as chair this past year with a personalized Yeti.

New Staff Assembly Council members for 2023-2024

Chair: Leah Simmonds

Vice Chair: Katie Price

Secretary: Halle Thompson

Treasurer: Amanda Hackney

Parliamentarian: Craig Gero

Historian: Dawn Sayer

The final Staff Conference meeting of spring was cancelled so staff can attend the memorial for Kristi Schepfer. The slides and notes will be posted on the [Staff Conference website](#). Staff Conference will not meet again until August.



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Spotlight on Staff Assembly



Hi, I am Dawn Sayer, and I have been with Winthrop going into my ninth year. I work in Residence Life and am the assistant director for assignments and administration.

I am originally from Mississippi and studied at Mississippi State University. My career has taken me through Texas and Florida and finally South Carolina.

In my spare time I work with a local rescue, Operation Care.

Dawn Sayer

Assistant Director of Assignments and Administration

Residence Life

Staff Awards 2023

Congratulations to all the Staff who were recognized at the 2023 Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony in April. We appreciate all you do! Awardees include:

Staff Member of the Year - **Taylor Degan**, setup supervisor. The award recognizes an employee who exemplifies Winthrop's core values, goes above and beyond to do great work, and sets an example for other staff members to follow.

Mary Spann Richardson Award - **Meg Webber**, vice provost and executive director of the Center for Professional Excellence. The award honors a faculty or staff member for exceptional service, professional excellence and the ability to provide Winthrop with positive visibility throughout the region.

Winthrop Award of Excellence - **Amanda James**, director of admissions. A prestigious honor created to recognize individuals who have excelled in implementing significant Winthrop institutional goals.

30 Years of Service - **Lars Larsen**, director of AV services.

20 Years of Service Staff Awardees pictured: Wes Love, Jetina Brown, and Maria Linn.



20 Years of Service - **Jetina Brown**, health services RN; **Janet Graham**, region director of SBDC; **Tracy Hildreth**, controller; **Maria Linn**, director of institutional research; **Wes Love**, facilities project manager; **Pam Purser**, assistant director of grounds and custodial services; **Tom Riginos**, head baseball coach; **Kwabena Sankofa-Amammere**, staff psychologist and assistant professor; **Catherine Stringfellow**, custodian; **Leon Williams**, trades craftsman.

Staff Member of the Year: Taylor Degan



Mary Spann Richardson Award: Meg Webber



10 Years of Service Staff Awardees pictured: Sherri Wilson, Amanda Carlton, Tracy Griggs Pam Gillette, Nicole Chisari, Debbie Siniard



10 Years of Service - **Adria Belk**, director of student services; **Brett Best**, assistant track coach; **Amanda Carlton**, administrative assistant; **Nicole Chisari**, communications coordinator; **JC Cunningham**, assistant director of financial aid; **Pam Gillette**, administrative specialist; **Ricky Ramsey**, groundskeeper; **Tracy Holbert**, human resources technical consultant; **Debbie Siniard**, Perkins loan accountant; **Vanessa Valdez**, director of graduate student success and asst prof; **Meg Webber**, vice provost of academic quality and innovation; **Mary Wilmore**, custodian; **Sherri Wilson**, academic advisor; **Dennis Wolfe**, groundskeeper.

30 Years of Service: Lars Larsen



Mental Health Awareness



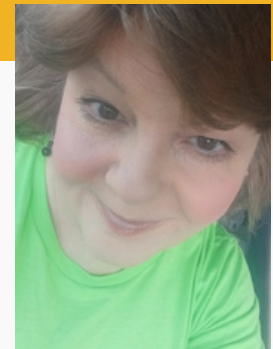
On Tuesday, April 25, staff and faculty across campus wore green to help raise awareness of mental illness and mental health care.



Clockwise from top left: Students and staff from the School Psychology Program; Staff from the Center for Student Wellness; Staff from the Department of Institutional Effectiveness; Staff from the Controller's Office, Student Financial Services, and Cashier's Office



From left: Dr. Kunsiri Grubbs and Kelly Scott; Dr. Sheila Burkhalter and Dr. Jennifer Dixon McKnight; Dr. Sara English



For August...

What are you up to this summer? Send us Pictures!!

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