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The next Staff Conference meeting will be Friday, **December 2** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Owens G02. All staff are encouraged to attend!



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

Bags to Benches Pays Off

Next time you stroll through Hardin Garden, be sure to check out the new bench provided to Winthrop through the Bags to Benches program! The **Campus & Community Involvement Committee (CCIC)** has been working with the Trex-sponsored recycling program since January to collect plastic shopping bags. Since then, they collected 500 lbs. of bags, which is enough to receive a bench!

We are currently in our second six-month collection period, so be sure to drop off your bags in the donation boxes in Cashiers, Dacus lobby, or Facilities lobby. From there, volunteers will weigh the bags and deliver them to a local retailer in exchange for another bench!



CCIC members show off the new bench in Hardin Garden

Mark Your Calendars

Homecoming Tailgate

Nov. 12

Celebrate Homecoming by setting up a spot at the tailgate before the game at 4pm! More info can be found on the [Homecoming Tailgate website](#).

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 24-25

Enjoy the holiday! If you try out any great recipes this year, send them our way so we can share with your colleagues.

Christmas Parade

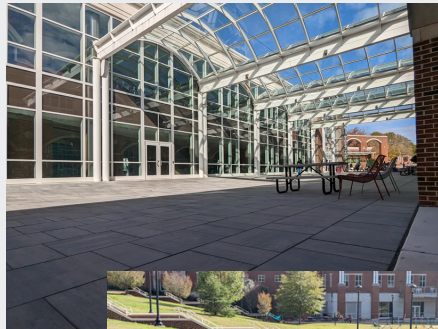
Dec. 2

Following the tree lighting on campus, join us at 6:30pm to watch the parade! Interested in helping decorate the First Family's golf cart? [Contact Leah Simmonds](#).

Lookin' Good, Winthrop!

If you've taken a stroll around campus lately, you might have noticed some of the latest campus improvements. The tile replacement in the main concourse between the West Center and DiGiorgio Center is finally completed, and new hammock stands and colorful Adirondack chairs have sprung up all across campus.

Facilities is hard at work making improvements across campus, so keep an eye out for future projects!



Nominees

for Staff Member of the Month

Willie Aiken, departmental operations manager, chemistry

Kevin Amaro, HVAC supervisor, facilities

Brandon Braswell, technician, technology services

Daniel Charles, online learning support specialist, WOOL

Rachel Glover, TSO supervisor, technology services

Teri Haddaway, admin specialist, mathematics

Cheryl Taylor, ABC project business operations manager, CVPA

Emily Wade, external clients manager, university events

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: **Kim Painter**, laboratory chemist, department of chemistry, physics, geology & the environment.

Staff Member of the Month



Teri Haddaway

administrative specialist
Department of Mathematics

A Winthrop Welcome

to our newest hires!

Fatima Castro, admissions counselor, admissions

Shana Elkins, degree progress coordinator, rec & reg

Preston Elwell, coordinator of athletic partnerships, athletics

LaTara Houston, executive assistant, VP of student affairs

Victoria Musheff, administrative coordinator, dacus library

Griffin Rohrer, admissions counselor, admissions

Amber Slack, associate VP/dean of students, dean of students

Lionel Todman, administrative assistant, biology

Anna Triester, procurement officer, purchasing



Printing Services can help with the holidays

Can you believe it's already November, and the holidays are right around the corner? If you send family holiday cards or newsy family holiday letters, Printing Services would love to help you produce these for your family at great rates.

Prices vary depending on the specifics of the job (email printingservices@winthrop.edu, if you'd like a personalized quote), but as an example, if you need 50 copies of a personalized, 5x7, flat, single-sided holiday card, the cost is just \$18.85 if you provide the artwork. Add 50 blank envelopes for just \$6.35.

If you want Printing Services to save you a ton of time and address those envelopes for you, the cost for the printed and addressed envelopes is just \$27.21. If you'd like more of a newsletter, a 2-sided card or just more cards, contact Printing Services for a specific quote!

But maybe you need help with your gift giving instead. They also have new equipment that allows them to make custom shirts, cups, and mugs in small quantities.

Prices vary depending on the specifics of the job (send a request to printingservices@winthrop.edu, if you'd like a personalized quote), but as an example, custom t-shirts are \$20 each. If you provide the blank shirt then they are only \$15. If Printing Services is providing the shirt or cup, we will need time to order them, so please place your orders in early December at the latest.

We also do other printed gift items like photos printed as large posters (much cheaper than your online photo vendor!), family cookbooks, and more!

E-mail printingservices@winthrop.edu with any questions or call them at 803/323-2221.

Ready to Print?

Prices vary depending on the specifics of the job. Email printingservices@winthrop.edu, if you'd like a personalized quote. Bonus: Printing Services is open through December 23 to help with any last minute holiday needs that arise!

Staff Conference Highlights

Summersby Okey, Director of Collective Impact with the United Way of York County, presented the need for resources and how the contributions from the Winthrop community aid in meeting their community support goals.

Through the combined efforts of Campus & Community Involvement and the campus community collecting and weighing plastic bags, the bench made of recyclable materials was installed. See the article on page 1.

Solution focused: In an effort to discuss solutions to the challenge cards, staff members split into groups to discuss the challenge submitted concerning the way the campus community can aid in enrollment. Each group shared ideas and turned in their solutions for further exploration.



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Spotlight on Staff Assembly



Halle Thompson
Operations Coordinator
Athletics

Halle currently serves as the operations coordinator for the administration in Athletics as well as ESports, Lacrosse, and Women's Basketball. She is also the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) liaison, United Way Ambassador, and serves on Staff Assembly.

Prior to Winthrop, Halle was the Director of Compliance at Converse University for three and a half years. She handled the day to day compliance duties for the entire athletic department, served as a liaison to many departments on campus, and served on numerous committees. She was also the SAAC liaison and served on the Communications and Education committees for the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

Halle had a one year stint at Coker University where she was the Student Athlete Success Coach and Compliance intern. She assisted students with their academic and career planning, as well as the compliance director in day to day duties. She received her Master of Science degree in 2018 from Coker in College Athletic Administration.

Halle graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in exercise and sport science from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) in 2017. During all four years of undergraduate, she worked with the Women's Basketball team.

Halle was born and raised in Kershaw, South Carolina by her parents Robert and Stephanie Thompson. She has two siblings, Arlivia and Trey. She currently resides in Rock Hill, South Carolina with her boyfriend, Micah James, and their dog Zeke.

Fall Fest Fun!

On Halloween, Staff Conference hosted the second annual Staff Fall Fest! Staff and their families braved the rain and had a great time celebrating the spooky season at the President's House. Guests enjoyed crafts, snacks, games, creepy history, costumes, and pumpkins!

Several staff participated in the 3rd annual Pumpkin Carving Contest and our first Costume Contest! **Jessica Martin** held her title again this year for First Place Pumpkin, and Costume Contest winners will be announced in our [Staff Conference Facebook Group](#). Be sure to join so you don't miss the announcement. You can also see more photos of the event there!



Jessica Martin with her First Place Pumpkin

For next month...

Send us your favorite holiday recipes!

President Serna as an honorary member of the Knight family



Patrice Bruneau went edgy while Debbie Garrick went historical as Amelia Earhart



The Provost's Office was feeling a bit villainous

Health Services was feeling like social butterflies



Leah Simmonds & Heather Carter
as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee



Ida Jane Dacus (AKA Brittany Pigford) was hanging out with a spooky D.B. Johnson

It's the Great Pumpkins, Charlie Brown!

Congratulations to our top three pumpkins in the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest! To see all of the entries, check out our [Facebook Group!](#)

Jessica Martin



Georgette Bell



Looking fabulous, Tanya Pettus!



Lori Tuttle had a glorious morning!

Dressed for the occasion

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Costume Contest! Everyone looked incredible! The Sernas have graciously agreed to judge the contest and winners will be announced soon.



Office of Admissions

