

STAFF stuff

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Summer Reading

Help us collect the ultimate list of staff recommended summer reads! Send an e-mail to cauthenk@winthrop.edu and let us know which books are in your bag to take to the beach, calling your name on a summer Friday, or perfect for sharing with your book club friends.



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STAFF MEMBER of the month

March

Brandon Braswell

*User Support Services Field Technician
Computing & Information Technology*



What drives you to make such a difference?

My parents raised me to give my all in everything, and my military career reinforced this ethos.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

The culture and beautiful campus at Winthrop is second to none. I have made many lifelong friends and am blessed to have been given the opportunity to be both a student and staff member here at Winthrop.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I enjoy hiking, swimming, camping and generally anything outdoors.

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

Enjoy the college ride, and get and stay involved with this unique community. Be open to try new things and experience different cultures. Excellence in all you do!!

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been at Winthrop for four years.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop is special to me because of the people. Faculty, staff and students alike make Winthrop feel like a second home.

SMOTM Nominees

Noreen Gaubatz, executive director, Institutional Effectiveness; Jamie Ray, director of web development, University Communications & Marketing; and Erica Panton, pre-college program coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences.

SMOTM Nominations

Do you work with someone who consistently goes above and beyond in displaying Winthrop's values? Have a colleague who really shined while tackling a tough project? Nominate them for Staff Member of the Month! Anyone can submit a nomination, and individuals can be nominated more than once!

Nomination Form

Find us on Facebook!



Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee:

Kara Cauthen, Jayme Charles, Lee Clark, Kat Wilson

Staff Conference Highlights

- **Lisa Cowart**, vice president, Human Resources, Employee Diversity & Wellness, introduced all of the staff members from Human Resources and their job duties: **Zan Jones**, associate vice president and chief diversity officer; **Tracy Holbert**, technical manager; **Carla Miles**, employee relations manager; **Lydia Johnson**, administrative assistant; **Andria Tolbert**, benefits administrator; **Kim Sipes**, employment manager; **Johnny Vaughan**, employment assistant; **Mary Gagnon**, permanent employment; **Tanya Pettus**, temporary employment; and **Cheryl Gomez**, student employment.
- Lisa Cowart announced that the Board of Trustees will be discussing the future of telecommuting with President-Elect Dr. Edward Serna. She shared information about how the policy might be implemented and what types of positions could be eligible.
- **Patrice Bruneau**, assistant vice president, Computing & Information Technology, provided an update on IT projects taking place across campus, including upgrades to security cameras, emergency phones, wifi, classroom technology, and the phone system. He also answered questions regarding the move to being a laptop campus this fall.
- **Lee Clark**, learning designer, Office of Online Learning, announced that the lightboard classroom is now active in Bancroft. Anyone who is interested in checking it out should contact **Kimarie Whetstone**, director, Office of Online Learning.

To view the complete PowerPoint or review the minutes, visit the [Staff Conference website!](#)

Finding Big Stuff



Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has the illustration to the left 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:

Christopher Girgenti, library specialist, Ida Jane Dacus Library.

New Hires

Welcome to the newest member of our Winthrop family:
Ferdinand Cooper, CARE project program manager, College of Visual & Performing Arts



Thank you to everyone who wore green on April 26 for Mental Health Awareness Week, and an extra special thank you to **Kelly Scott**, research analyst, Institutional Effectiveness; and **Rosie Hopkins-Campbell**, coordinator for campus wellness, Health Services; for their work organizing the event and bringing staff together for an important cause!

Faculty/Staff Award Ceremony



Chris Johnson, sustainability coordinator, Facilities Management, received the Award of Excellence during the ceremony on April 26.



Jill Stuckey, director of printing and creative services, University Communications & Marketing, was named Staff Member of the Year.

not pictured: **Noreen Gaubatz**, executive director, Institutional Effectiveness, was selected as the winner of the Mary Spann Richardson Award.

Retirees

- Robin Brown**, Facilities Management
- Barbara Emery**, Payroll
- Carolyn Grant**, James and Susan Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships
- Rhett Herron**, Facilities Management
- AJ Jordan**, Facilities Management
- Eyvette Long**, Alumni Relations
- Jannifer Tucker**, Ida Jane Dacus Library

Service Award Recipients

10 Years

- Kinyata Brown**, Student Affairs
- Michael Coyle**, Financial Aid
- Carolyn Grant**, James and Susan Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships
- Joanna Harris**, Richard W. Riley College of Education
- Tracy Holbert**, Office of Human Resources
- Chris Johnson**, Facilities Management
- Bry-Anne Jones**, Counseling Services
- Melvin Orr**, Facilities Management
- Steven Roach**, Facilities Management
- Donia Robinson**, Facilities Management
- Rosanne Sabisch**, Health Services
- De Wells**, Residence Life

20 Years

- Monica Bennett**, University Communications & Marketing
- Rebecca Berberich**, Campus Police
- Chris Childers**, Post Office
- Mike Connolly**, Computing & Information Technology
- Jack DeRochi**, University Advancement
- Debbie Garrick**, University Advancement
- Mike Hevelow**, Facilities Management
- Jacquelyn McFadden**, Ida Jane Dacus Library
- Chris O'Neill**, Music
- Richie Parrish**, Printing Services
- Brett Redden**, Athletics
- Michael Stroud**, Computing & Information Technology

30 Years

- John Timmons**, Residence Life
- Ellen Wilder-Byrd**, University Communications & Marketing

40 Years

- Tim Hill**, Facilities Management
(pictured below with **Shelia Burkhalter**, vice president, Student Affairs)



Three staff members were among those recognized at the 2022 Winthrop University Student Affairs Awards Ceremony April 20. Congratulations to:

Wellness Alliance Award winner
Shayna Foxworth
student and young alumni
coordinator
Alumni Relations

Wellness Advocate Award
winner
Miranda Knight
assistant dean of students
Student Affairs

Fred Angerman Quality Staff
Award winner
Nikki Ford
operations manager
Health Services
for her work on campus
COVID compliance and
student vaccine incentives

Photos & Milestones



Shayna Foxworth, student and young alumni coordinator, Alumni Relations, graduated with her Master of Liberal Arts degree on May 5! She is pictured here with **Takita Sumter**, dean, College of Arts & Sciences; and **Greg Oakes**, acting dean, Graduate School.



Debbie Casperson, accounting technician, Cashiers Office; and **Chris Johnson**, sustainability coordinator, Facilities Management; helped to collect the food donated by students moving out of the residence halls. The food was given to Human Nutrition's food pantry.



Thank you to **Stefan Wunderlich**, lab manager, Biology, for capturing this beautiful shot of the tree blossoming between Dalton and Sims!



Tanya Pettus, temporary employment assistant, Human Resources; and **P.N. Saksena**, dean, College of Business Administration; at the Hynds' farewell party on May 6.