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# Holiday Recipe Exchange!

The holiday season is upon us! To get ready, we're collecting staff members' favorite festive recipes for our second annual Holiday Recipe Exchange! To participate, send your favorite recipe to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu), or post to the [Staff Conference Facebook Page](#) by November 24!

# STAFF MEMBER of the month

## September

**Tracy Hildreth**  
*controller*  
*Finance & Business Affairs*

**How many years have you been at Winthrop?**  
19 years.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**  
The people and feeling of community.

**What drives you to make such a difference?**  
Our students.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?**  
Driving onto this beautiful, historic campus.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?**  
I putter in my yard, walk along the river, and play hand bells.

**If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?**  
Embrace all of the wonderful cultural opportunities Winthrop has to offer.

## Nominees

**Thomas Cornelius**, *instructional designer, Office of Online Learning*; **DeeDee Cousar**, *administrative specialist, Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance*; **Katie Hartnett**, *administrative specialist, History and Political Science*; **Erica Panton**, *pre-college program coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences*; **Leah Simmonds**, *financial analyst, College of Arts & Sciences*; and **Kay Stewart**, *medical laboratory technician, Health Services*.

# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

**Ozzy Castro**, *police officer, Campus Police*

**Andrew Emory**, *assistant athletic director for compliance, Athletics*

**Lauren Grad**, *director of communications, College of Visual & Performing Arts*

**Sarah Kesler**, *academic advisor, College of Business Administration*

**Tracy Pizzi**, *metadata & discovery librarian, Ida Jane Dacus Library*

**Naemma Stennett**, *assistant director of student activities for fraternity & sorority affairs, Student Affairs*

## Staff Conference Highlights

- **President Hynd** and **Justin Oates**, *vice president, Finance & Business Affairs*, spoke about the recent RIF announcement and answered staff questions.
- **Josh Sides**, *esports head coach, Athletics*, announced that Winthrop had been nominated for collegiate esports program of the year and asked staff to vote for the team.
- **Brett Lindahl** and **Summersby Okey** from United Way of York County gave a presentation on the work they do and the organization's goals that staff can support by donating to Winthrop's United Way Campaign.
- **James Grigg**, *associate vice president of facilities, Facilities Management*, spoke about current and upcoming campus facilities projects and answered staff questions.

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



# Milestones



**Ronda Collins**, executive support specialist, Richard W. Riley College of Education, and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first baby, Gemma Anne Formenti, a month early on July 4. Congratulations!

Share your milestones with us!

Whether you've purchased a new home, earned a degree, welcomed a baby (or grandbaby!), adopted a pet, reached a milestone birthday, run a marathon, or just have exciting news you'd like to share - we're excited and want to celebrate with you! Send an e-mail to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) to be included in the next newsletter!

# Special Thanks

The folks in Withers would like to give a shout out and a big "thank you" to Printing Services for updating and replacing the exterior missing signs for Withers to make it easier for visitors and students to find them!

Pictured: **Jane Rawls**, administrative specialist, Richard W. Riley College of Education.



# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

**Katie Price**

*director of marketing*

*University Communications & Marketing*



My name is Katie Price, and I'm director of marketing here at Winthrop. The first time I set foot on campus was in eighth grade, and I instantly knew I wanted to go to college here. I graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in integrated marketing communication, and I started working here in 2015. As director of marketing, I oversee branding and advertising for the university. Prior to working at Winthrop, I held marketing positions with the Arts Council of York County and Piedmont Medical Center.

I love spending time with my husband, Cory (also a Winthrop alum!); my 5-year-old son, Simon; and our 9-year-old lab/shar pei mix, Elbie. In my spare time, I have many hobbies, including reading, watching sports and playing video games. I am a huge fan of Harry

Potter (proud Hufflepuff!), Star Wars, Dungeons & Dragons, and generally all things geek! I also love to crochet, a skill my grandmother taught me when I was 12 years old.

# 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](mailto: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:

**Pam Purser**, assistant director for custodial & grounds services, Facilities Management.



# HALLOWEEN FUN



**Jessica Martin**, residential learning coordinator, Residence Life, took first place in the pumpkin carving contest! Pictured here with the First Lady, **Alison Hynd**.



**Lee Clark**, online learning technician, Office of Online Learning, won second place.



**Ruth Walkup**, nurse manager & nurse practitioner, Health Services, was the third place winner.



The Office of Admissions is out of this world!



**Callie Smith**, director of new student and family programs, Student Life; and **Amy Sharpe**, executive assistant, Student Affairs.



University Communications & Marketing at the Fall Fest photo booth.



**Jill Lauber**, assistant to the dean, College of Arts & Sciences, made sure her office was prepared with masks and Halloween decorations.



**Brittany Pigford**, archivist, Louise Pettus Archives, shared this spooky upcycled dollhouse made by her husband, Patrick!



Health Services staff at the Fall Fest photo booth.



**Maura Conway**, administrative assistant, Fine Arts and Design; and **Stacy Carter**, executive assistant to the dean, College of Visual & Performing Arts.