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## Save the Date

All staff are invited to attend the  
**Staff Conference Fall Fest.**  
More details coming soon!

**Friday, October 29**  
**Noon - 2pm**

# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Sheila Anderson, custodial worker, Facilities Management

Kristin Culbreath, NetSERVE mentoring & induction specialist, COE

Amanda Foshag, program assistant, Office of Financial Aid

Anne Hill, assistant manager, Student Financial Services

Joseph Miller, vice president, Enrollment Management & Marketing

Andria Tolbert, benefits administrator, HR Employee Diversity/Wellness

Stefan Wunderlich, lab manager, Biology

## SMOTM August Nominees

Willie Aiken, departmental operations manager, Chemistry, Physics & Geology; Heather Carter, administrative specialist, Psychology; Stacy Carter, executive assistant to the dean, College of Visual & Performing Arts; Angie Conner, graphic artist, Printing Services; Carolyn Grant, director of field and clinical experiences, Jim and Sue Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships; Donna Guerra, administrative specialist, Music; Marielle Hinson, administrative coordinator, Biology; Lydia Johnson, administrative assistant, Human Resources; Curlene Moise, administrative specialist, Counseling, Leadership, & Educational Studies; Leah McMillan, operations manager, Center for Public Opinion & Policy Research; Kathie Park, budget analyst and facilities manager, Richard W. Riley College of Education; Bobby Teal, network engineer, Computing & Information Technology; Nancy White, library technical assistant, Ida Jane Dacus Library; Tina Williams, administrative assistant, Macfeat Early Childhood Lab School; Kat Wilson, business applications analyst, Business Intelligence and Data Management.

## 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 Big Stuff, 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:

Rae Glover, procurement specialist, Purchasing Office

# STAFF MEMBER

## of the month

# August



Amanda James  
director, Admissions

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

Four years.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

The people make it special – the community on this campus is so welcoming, accepting and understanding. Everyone can find their place here.

**What drives you to make such a difference?**

I really want Winthrop to thrive, and I believe the education and experiences we provide students helps them transform into exceptional community members during their time at Winthrop and beyond. We are helping students develop their talents, find their voices, and stand for what they believe in.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?**

My team! I am truly blessed to work with amazingly talented, engaged and passionate people – I couldn't ask for a better group to work alongside.

**What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?**

I have a toddler, so these days my spare time is spent chasing him around. When I do have a few moments of downtime, I love reading, watching The Great British Bake Off, and listening to true crime podcasts.

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

Take advantage of everything Winthrop has to offer – social events, volunteer opportunities, undergraduate research, theatre productions. There is so much to experience and get involved with on this campus; don't let your time at Winthrop go by without trying something new!

# Get Involved

The Community & Campus Involvement Committee (CCIC) has placed collection boxes around campus for a food drive to support food pantries for veterans in the county. The pantries are running extremely low on food, and they are in desperate need of items to stock back up. If you are able, please consider donating some of the items below. There will be a box in the Records & Registration office and in the front lobby of Tillman.

## York County Veterans Affairs in collaboration with Basket of Blessings (Church of Christ) Food Drive September 27th - October 22

### ALL ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED, BUT BELOW ARE ITEMS NEEDED:

- Individual serving sizes of apple sauce, fruit cocktail, pears, peaches
- 14.5 oz. cans of pinto beans, pork-n-beans, green beans, green peas, black beans, potatoes, corn, carrots and mixed vegetables
- Boxed or bagged rice
- Tuna
- Spam
- Canned ham
- Canned chicken
- Ritz crackers
- Creamy peanut butter 16 oz.
- Saltine crackers (box)
- 8 pack snack crackers
- Cereal bars (box)
- Hormel complete microwave meals
- Spaghetti sauce with meat 24 oz.
- Spaghetti pasta (1-2 lb.)
- Canned ravioli and spaghetti
- Chicken noodle and chicken with rice soups
- beef stew 18.6 oz.
- Hearty soups
- Boxes of vanilla wafers,
- graham crackers
- Teddy Grahams
- Ramen Noodles and Cup-of-Noodles
- Beanie wienies
- Vienna sausages
- Bags dried pinto beans and peas
- Boxed baking mix
- Boxed brownie mix.
- Dry milk packages
- Cereal boxes (Healthy brand, like Cheerios or Shredded Wheat)
- Instant grits and oatmeal (boxes)

# Let's grab some lunch

Last month, we asked you to submit your favorite lunch spots and we received lots of suggestions in our Staff Conference Facebook Group! We had some ties, so here are the top 11 suggestions for lunch spots around campus.

1. Lee's Famous Chicken
2. Tequila Mexican Restaurant (*try the chicken soup!*)
3. Sub Station II
4. Michael's Cafe
5. Jasmine Grill
6. Groucho's Deli
7. Jimmy John's (*#1 recommendation for delivery*)
8. Burgers & Barley
9. Millstone Pizza
10. Flipside
11. Sila Thai



*Grab some coworkers and try out these staff recommendations!*

For next month's issue, send us your Halloween photos! Did you go to a pumpkin patch? Did your coworkers, your children, or your fur children dress up? Did you decorate your office? We want to know! Send your photos to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) or post them in our [Facebook group](#) to be included in the November newsletter.

# Milestones

## 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!

# Spotlight on Staff Assembly

Hi I'm Craig Gero. I have worked at Winthrop in the Office of Admissions for five years. My assigned area when I started was North Carolina. For the last few years, I have been the transfer admissions counselor. I deal with students that transfer from two-year schools as well as four-year to Winthrop. One thing I know about transfer students, is they are all different.

I graduated from Florida Southern College in 1981 with a degree in Business Personnel. I was a member and captain of the Florida Southern baseball team that won the Division II National Championship in 1981.

I have worked in education for 40 years: nine as a high school math teacher and baseball coach and 26 at the community college level where I was an academic advisor, math teacher, baseball coach and director of new student orientation before coming to Winthrop.



**Craig Gero**  
*admissions recruiter, Admissions*

We moved to Rock Hill to be Grandpa and Gramma, and enjoy our four grandkids. I have been married to my wife, Sandi, for 39 years. She is also an educator.

We have a Yorkie/Pomeranian mix named Fenway. Go figure.

**Show our Esports team some support!** Our team is a finalist for the Esports Awards' Collegiate Program of the Year and the winner is decided by a popular vote. [Cast your vote today](#) to support our team and our coach, Josh Sides, after such an incredible season. Just being nominated is a huge honor, and now it's our turn to help them receive this well-deserved recognition. Want more staff news? Check our Facebook group!

Find us on Facebook!



**Got some spooky Halloween decorations? Is your costume too creative not to share? Send us your fall and Halloween photos!** Send your photos to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) or post to the [Staff Conference Facebook Page](#) to be shared in the next newsletter!

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

Kara Cauthen, Jayme Charles, Maria D'Agostino, Shea Maple, Kat Wilson

# Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions covered topics such as reserved parking spaces, employee work status reporting, and outboarding procedures.
- The Staff Recognition committee recognized 16 Staff Member of the Month nominees. Keep those nominations coming!
- Members of the PSAG guided conversation about staff priorities for our next president.

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

# Staff Assembly Wants Your Two Cents

Staff Assembly is coming to you to hear your two cents! Come by any of the stops on the listening tour to grab some snacks and chat with our Staff Assembly representatives. Representatives will be available to answer questions, hear concerns, and be a listening ear. We hope to see you soon!



Date	Location	Serving Staff In...	Time	Representatives on Site
10/12	DIGs Lobby	Courtyard, DIGs, West Center	11 a.m. - Noon	Jessica Martin Katie Fowler Leah Simmonds
10/28	Sims Lobby	Dalton, Facilities, Operations, Richardson, Sims, Wofford	11 a.m. - Noon	Kelley Kish Jayme Charles Amanda Cavin
11/9	Kinard Lobby	Bancroft, Crawford, Kinard, Margaret Nance, Owens	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Craig Gero Jessica Martin Katie Fowler
11/18	Thurmond Lobby	Barnes, Byrnes, Carroll, Joynes, Lee Wicker, Macfeat, Phelps, Thompson, Thurmond	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Jayme Charles Amanda Cavin John Kroft