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WINTHROP STAFF CONFERENCE



**Fall Fest**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 3:20-5:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE & GARDEN

Refreshments - Games & Activities - Photo Booth

Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contests  
*(Details & contest registration on website)*

It's Poppin' Kettle Corn for sale  
Gourmet - popped fresh on-site!  
*(all forms of payment accepted)*

All staff & their immediate family members invited!  
Please RSVP no later than Monday, October 17.  
[winthrop.edu/staff/fall-fest.aspx](http://winthrop.edu/staff/fall-fest.aspx)

RSVP and contest information are available on the [Fall Fest webpage](#). Keep an eye out for more information and we hope to see you on Halloween!



# SPOTLIGHT ON Staff Assembly

**Georgette Bell**  
fiscal technician  
Cashiers Office

I was born and raised in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I joined the Cashiers Office/Student Financial Services 16 years ago. Cashiers Office is known for our decorations and my favorite is Halloween. I have really loved getting to meet students/parents and working with a great group of people. I am married and have two amazing twin daughters, Hannah and Michaela. I love spending time with them and going on our many adventures. I have several pets of my own and two grand-puppies that I get to be Grana to. I also love getting to be the “fun” aunt to six awesome nephews and a niece. I do enjoy gardening, fishing, crafts, concerts and anything my family and friends are doing.



# Looking Ahead



Fall is in the air and we want to see photos of your spooky spirit and fall festivities! To be featured in next month's newsletter, send your costume and decoration photos to [charlesj@winthrop.edu](mailto:charlesj@winthrop.edu) by November 1.

## Special Thanks

The Media & Communications Committee would like to thank **Kara Cauthen** for her dedication to this newsletter for the past several years. We are so thankful for her time with us and wish her the best in her career.

# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

- Thomas Bass**, boiler operator, Facilities Management
- Cathy Brown**, academic coach, University College
- Preston Elwell**, coordinator of athletic partnerships, Athletics
- Yvonne Engblom**, coordinator for student success and high impact practices, University College
- D.J. Haas**, assistant strength and conditioning coach, Athletics
- Josh Johnson**, WTC program director, Counseling, Leadership, and Educational Studies
- Heather Keeley**, learning technologist, Online Learning
- Ana Morton**, director of women's basketball operations, Athletics
- Victoria Musheff**, administrative coordinator, Ida Jane Dacus Library
- Precious Thompson**, residential success coordinator, Residence Life
- Lionel Todman**, administrative assistant, Biology
- Anna Triester**, procurement officer, Purchasing
- Haley Weil**, career coach, Center for Career Development & Internships

The next Staff Conference meeting will be Friday, October 14 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](#).



## 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:

**Jessica Martin**, residential learning coordinator & academic associate, Residence Life.



# STAFF MEMBER of the month



## August

**Taylor Degen**

*set-up specialist*

*Facilities Management*

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

I just started my fifth year working at Winthrop at the beginning of September.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

Winthrop is definitely special to me. I am from Rock Hill, and I am also a current student at the university.

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

This is most of what motivates me to make a difference. I feel like I can better multiple parts of my life at the same time when I'm working.

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

My favorite part of Winthrop is the opportunity. When I needed a second chance, this school gave it to me and more. I had the opportunity of meeting my wife here.

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

I captain a pick-up soccer team on Thursday nights in Rock Hill, and I also enjoy time with my (now extended) family and friends.

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

Put in the work, especially when you fail. This school is challenging but can also be forgiving. But you have to earn the forgiveness.

# SMOOTH Nominees

**Christopher Holloman**, *administrative specialist, College of Business Administration*

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

**Debbie Cook**, *housekeeping, Facilities Management*

**Dot Barber**, *executive support specialist, Ida Jane Dacus Library*

**Erica Panton**, *pre-college programs coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences*

**James Griggs**, *associate vice president, Facilities Management*

**Jessica Farmer**, *administrative operations coordinator, Records & Registration*

**Jessica Hudgens**, *counseling services coordinator, Counseling Services*

**Kathie Park**, *budget analyst/facilities manager, Richard W. Riley College of Education*

**Katie Hartnett**, *administrative specialist, Political Science & History*

**Laura Davis**, *assistant director for operations, Recreational Services*

**LeAnn Lowrey**, *assistant director, International Center*

**Melissa Mims**, *senior procurement officer, Purchasing*

**Nicole Chisari**, *communications coordinator, University Communications & Marketing*

**Nicole Ford**, *office manager, Health Services*

**Stefan Wunderlich**, *lab manager, Biology*

**Tina Williams**, *administrative assistant, Macfeat Early Childhood Lab School*

- 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

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

Jayne Charles, Lee Clark, Leah Simmonds, Kat Wilson