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## Discover the good stuff!

This year, Staff Assembly's goal is to discover the good stuff. You can help us focus on the good by sharing your personal and professional wins! Whether you are celebrating a major milestone or a little win, no victory is too small. E-mail your good stuff to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) to be featured in a future newsletter.



Thank you to **Leah Simmonds**, *financial analyst, College of Arts & Sciences*, for sharing this tiny yet proud tomato—the first harvest from her family's garden this year!

# Greetings from the Staff Assembly Chair & Vice-Chair



We are off to a new and EXCITING academic year! We hope you enjoyed some down time this summer and are ready for a great semester.

If you attended our first Staff Conference meeting on August 26, you saw that Staff Assembly has been working hard to remap and redesign some elements to bring a new sense of energy and community to Staff Conference meetings this year. You likely noticed one of the ways we are

embracing a fresh approach is by moving our meeting dates and times to a schedule that is more consistent with that of Faculty Conference. Staff Assembly members voted last year to reduce the number of Staff Conference meetings and change the time and location to foster more involvement.

Our fall semester meetings will be held in Owens G-02 at 2:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: October 14 and December 2. As a reminder, there will be no livestream option this year (we want to see you in person!), but we will revert to our pre-pandemic practice of posting the PowerPoint presentation on the [Staff Assembly webpage](#). We will also continue to post our meeting minutes and other important announcements there. We encourage you to keep up with the Staff Stuff newsletter for more information.

Finally, we want to emphasize that ALL STAFF SHOULD ATTEND STAFF CONFERENCE MEETINGS. These meetings are for every level of position. If you're staff, we want your input.

Thank you for all you do to make Winthrop a better place!

**Debbie Garrick '87 & '89**  
*senior development officer, University Advancement  
Chair, Staff Assembly*

**Leah Simmonds**  
*financial analyst, College of Arts & Sciences  
Vice-Chair, Staff Assembly*

# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

**Philip Adams**, *director of tutoring and learning support, University College*

**Kiana Binns**, *diversity and inclusion coordinator/staff counselor, Counseling Services*

**Jared Broughton**, *assistant baseball coach, Athletics*

**Logan Cocklin**, *digital systems and strategies librarian, Ida Jane Dacus Library*

**Jennifer Coffey**, *ABC virtual teaching and learning program specialist, College of Visual & Performing Arts*

**Lindsay Cook**, *nurse practitioner, Health Services*

**Kristin Culbreath**, *director of field and clinical experiences, Jim and Sue Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships*

**Katey Dean**, *accountant, Controllers Office*

**Fred Donaldson**, *supply specialist, Central Receiving*

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

**Kaylin Johnson**, *director of men's basketball operations, Athletics*

**Karen Pack**, *program facilitator, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement*

**Hannah Potter**, *assistant women's lacrosse coach, Athletics*

**Faith Rush**, *TRiO academic counselor, University College*

**Melanie Sanders**, *director, Macfeat Early Childhood Lab School*

**Tonya Smarr**, *office coordinator, Human Resources*

**Bryce Spesock**, *athletic trainer, Athletics*

**Dani Stroud**, *service program facilitator, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement*

**Seth Thomsen**, *head strength and conditioning coach, Athletics*

**John Toby**, *boiler operator, Facilities 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 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:

**Jill Stuckey**, *director of printing and creative services, University Communications & Marketing.*



# STAFF MEMBER of the month



## June

**Jane Rawls**  
*administrative specialist*  
*Physical Education, Sport, and*  
*Human Performance*

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

I have been at Winthrop for 22 years.

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

I enjoy watching students grow throughout the years until their graduation.

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

People, people, people!

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

Helping people, and I value relationships.

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

I love baking, crafting, and reading.

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

Enjoy your time and don't be afraid to ask questions of faculty or staff (and don't put off those cultural events!).

# June SMOOTH Nominees

**Kenny Gallagher**, *structural supervisor, Facilities Management*  
**Megan Rolf**, *director of recruitment, Admissions*

- 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

# STAFF Photos



**Ricky Ramsey**, *groundskeeper, Facilities Management*; and **William Haynes**, *groundskeeper, Facilities Management*; at this year's Convocation picnic.

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