As you will see from this brief update, 2015-16 promises to be an exciting year for the Graduate School. Across campus, more than 900 graduate students are collaboratively learning from faculty in a wide range of graduate programs in business, education, sciences, and the arts. We are excited that Dr. Pat Guilbaud has now joined the Graduate School Office as the new Director of Adult Programs. In this role, Pat will assist faculty and departments across campus to build a wide range of continuing education and degree-completion programs for adult and post-traditional learners. Of course, like the rest of Winthrop, the Graduate School is excited to be working with our new President, Dr. Dan Mahony, who brings a wealth of executive leadership and higher education experience to campus and, as you can see, a strong commitment to graduate education. I hope you enjoy this brief update—there's a lot happening at Winthrop and in the Graduate School. I encourage you to visit campus and join us at one of the many events on campus that interest you and your family—and don't forget Homecoming weekend November 13-14. Look forward to seeing you soon,

Jack DeRochi, Ph.D.
Dean, Graduate School

Dr. Daniel F. Mahony became Winthrop’s 11th president on July 1, 2015. Before he moved here, he read local history books and was impressed with the can-do attitude of Rock Hill citizens and Winthrop University over the decades. He spent his first three months meeting the students, faculty, alumni, and members of our community who love and support the Winthrop experience—he even threw out the first pitch for “Winthrop Night” at the Charlotte Knights game. Dr. Mahony is a big believer in graduate education and fondly remembers his own graduate experience. “I enjoyed every moment,” he said. “I never missed a class and often studied more than I needed to because I was having fun.” He sees a bright future for graduate programs at Winthrop as well. “I believe we will continue to see an expansion and growth in the number of graduate programs,” he said, “some of which will be interdisciplinary programs which will help unite our campus.”

Dr. Mahony earned his M.S. degree in sport management from West Virginia University before earning his Ph.D. in the same field at Ohio State University. “I have always said that when I earned my graduate degree, it was the first time I truly loved my educational experience,” he said. “While I certainly enjoyed several previous experiences as a student, when I was a graduate student I stopped caring about grades and really focused just on learning.”
Patrick Guilbaud has joined Winthrop University’s Graduate School in a newly created job as director of adult programs to create more opportunities for adult students.

“We want to focus on the post-traditional student and leverage our expertise here at Winthrop to offer them assistance in a more concentrated way,” said Guilbaud, who joined Winthrop in August.

Jack DeRochi, dean of the Graduate School, said his department is excited to have Guilbaud on the Winthrop team. “His expertise and collegial personality will help us engage even more with our business and community partners in order to provide the most effective and convenient academic programs for adults in our region,” he said.

Based in Dinkins Hall, Guilbaud has been meeting with faculty members and administrators to plan non-credit programs and certificates for professional development. The four- to six-week sessions may cover such topics as social media, social work, arts administration, travel and Southern history, to name a few.

“This will allow people to get a taste of the university,” he said, adding that he will eventually offer presentations at community colleges and other places to encourage adults to complete their degrees.

Guilbaud came from Stetson University where he was a visiting scholar and assistant professor in information systems. He previously worked as a senior researcher at Virginia Tech and research assistant at the University of Virginia.

He holds a Ph.D. in instructional technology, a M.B.A. and a master’s degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida.

Current Student Spotlight
Susanne Robinson, M.S.W. Candidate

Susanne Robinson is a student in her second year of Winthrop’s growing M.S.W. program. When Susanne graduates in May of 2016, she will join her brother-in-law and son as graduates of Winthrop’s M.S.W. program.

Robinson was drawn to social work because she “wanted to do something more along the lines of giving back.” She has always been interested in volunteer work but hopes to gain more expertise in the subject. Robinson's goal is to assist older adults and help them stay in their homes as long as possible.

Robinson enjoys Winthrop because the classes are smaller so she can really get to know professors. “The professors are really focused on the student and make themselves very available.” Additionally, she likes that the M.S.W. program is built on a cohort model, which allows her to strengthen her network of friends and colleagues. Susanne and the other members of her cohort will take all of their coursework together, thus giving them the opportunity to develop and hone their collaborative skills.

Susanne earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Rice University. She worked as a chemist in Algeria where she met her husband. They moved back to the United States and raised a family. She worked a variety of jobs, including serving as music director at her church and opening a martial arts school with her husband teaching Soo Bahk Do. She also received her M.A.T. in secondary chemistry and taught high school for a year.

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Meet Our New Graduate Directors

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**What do you enjoy most about working with graduate students?**

- Collaborating with graduate students on peer-reviewed professional presentations, publications, and research projects.
- I love the energy and enthusiasm that practicing teachers enrolled in the M.Ed. in C&I program bring to the table. They are always passionate and dedicated to improving their craft and helping their students excel.
- The future of our schools and communities depends upon having quality school leaders. I am passionate about the importance of training extraordinary principals.

**What is your #1 goal for your program?**

- Increase enrollment and make the program available completely online.
- I would like to explore new ideas for revising and expanding the M.Ed. in C&I to include new options for teachers wishing to develop leadership skills within their classrooms, programs, schools, and districts.
- I want every participant in our program to graduate with the knowledge and skills to become an extraordinary leader and to feel that they were challenged and affirmed while in our program.

**What’s the worst job you’ve ever held?**

- Peeling the labels off of 3 ½ floppy disks so that they could be reformatted, relabeled and then reused.
- I worked at the front desk of a Ramada Hotel! Although my bosses were the definition of “micro-managers,” I enjoyed meeting people traveling from different places across the country.
- Laborer for a construction company.

**If you could have a cup of coffee with any famous person (dead or alive), who would it be and why?**

- Who’d want to drink coffee with a dead person? That’s weird if you ask me.
- Maya Angelou - I am amazed and humbled by her infinite wisdom!
- Abraham Lincoln. Wouldn’t it be wonderful for someone who is passionate about leadership to be able to learn from one of our country’s greatest leaders?

**M.B.A. Alumni on Campus**

Jay Rinehart, M.B.A., graduate and president/CEO of Rinehart Realty Corporation, and other Winthrop graduate alumni attended the Wells Fargo Economic Forecast Breakfast this fall. Rinehart commented after the event that he “enjoy[s] the continued learning environment that the business school provides with this event, the M.B.A. lectures series, and other opportunities for learning at the school. I think further interaction between alumni and students that are interested in formation of businesses is important.”

The College of Business Administration hosted the breakfast on September 18 in the DiGiorgio Campus Center on Winthrop’s campus. The event featured Mark Vitner, managing director and senior economist for Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, who discussed information on global, national, regional, and local trends impacting the economy.

Another M.B.A. alumni Amy Hagner, assistant superintendent for finance and operations in York School District One, said that “Mark’s presentation is very relevant to my family but most importantly to my job and the school district.” She commented that “any kind of event where you can bring the business community together, to either hear about what is going on in the county or to help with growth and future development, would be great.”

If you missed Mark Vitner’s presentation, you can view it here. Be sure to be on the lookout for other events here on campus that you won’t want to miss!
Alumni News

- **David Stoner**, a graduate student in the M.S. human nutrition program was awarded the Commission on Dietetic Registration Diversity Scholarship in the amount of $5,000.

- **Alumna Brett Frye** (M.S. in biology, 2012) was one of five students chosen to receive the Society of Primatology Grant.

- More than 20 Winthrop alumni were nominated for Teacher of the Year in local school districts. **Rachel Glibbery** (M.Ed. ’11), an English as a Second Language teacher at Northwestern High School, was named Teacher of the Year for the Rock Hill School District. **Morey Reinblatt** (M.A.T. ’14) was named Rock Hill Schools’ High School Beginning Teacher of the Year for 2014-15 as well.

- National Association of Professional Women inducted **Beth Wolfe**, CPA into its VIP Woman of the Year Circle.

- MSW graduate **Melinda Plue** was hired as Director of Advocacy and Chapter Support for The Arc of North Carolina.

- M.A. in arts administration graduate **Amanda Kiboliski** began work as director of special projects at the UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television.

Graduate School New

- **Winthrop’s human nutrition program** is ranked #14 nationally by graduate-programs.com, which evaluates programs based on specific student issues, such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid, and quality of professional network.

- Three new Graduate Certificates have been created in learning technologies, mid-level education, and physical education.

- Winthrop’s **Master of Social Work** is #25 among rankings that encompass reviews posted by more than 7,500 social work students participating in more than 500 social work programs nationwide.

- To honor the late Margaret Eleazer Godbold ’34 and her legacy of service to Winthrop and the community, her granddaughters, Meg Godbold ’99, ’02 and Susan Godbold Stuppnig, have established a new scholarship for a post-traditional graduate student at Winthrop University.