STAFF STUFF

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AUCTION stuff

Winthrop Athletics will host the 24th Annual Eagle Club Scholarship Auction sponsored by Comporium and Brownlee Jewelers at Manchester Village on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Winthrop Coliseum. Make your plans today to attend. Join the Department of Athletics for fun and excitement as the event includes a silent auction of more than 250 items, buffet dinner, gallery of excellence bidding and the main auction featuring vacations, jewelry, art, parties and much more. Tickets are $75 and include an open bar and buffet dinner as the doors open at 6 p.m. for the silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. as part of the main auction. Tables may be purchased for $600 through May 1 and will be $750 following that date. To purchase your ticket or a table, please contact Larry McLaine, athletic ticket manager, at 803/323-2129, ext. 2345 or at mcclainel@winthrop.edu.

SUMMER CAMP stuff

Winthrop campus doesn’t slow down when most of the students depart next week. Check out these summer camp offerings for the school-age kids in your life:

Summer sports camps offered by Winthrop Eagles coaching staff in Men’s Basketball, Softball, Women’s Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Spirit Teams (cheer/dance) and Lacrosse

STARS Computing Camps: Computing and jewelry design, modeling and 3D printing, computing and robotics, art and computing fusion, and web design for middle and high school students offered by the Department of Computer Science and Fine Art. Contact Marguerite Doman for information. Registration, dates and tuition are listed here.

The Academy of Music offers summer lessons through the Department of Music from May 26 - June 26 and July 6 - Aug. 7. Ages vary by instrument, grades 3 - 12. Lessons available in guitar, voice, piano, violin, viola, cello, and percussion. Contact Stephanie Stein for more information.

AWARDS stuff

Congratulations to our outstanding colleagues, honored at the April 28 Faculty/Staff/Retiree Award Ceremony.

Here’s a complete list of presidential citations for service to the university and service to the community and retirees.

 pictured: Miranda Knight, Student Affairs

Want to lend a helping hand? We need YOU!

Commencement Ceremonies: help with check-in, lining up students, crowd control, etc. Contact April Hershey for Graduate Commencement on Thursday, May 7, or Maria D’Agostino for Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 9.

Jeannie Mann of Facilities Management and Frank Pullano of the Math Department threw out the first pitch at the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night at the Winthrop Ballpark on April 17.
This summer, visual artist and Winthrop alumna and staff member Caroline Rust ’97 will continue her exploration of women’s effects and practices and their impact upon self-image and sense of self during her residency at the McColl Center of Art+Innovation in Charlotte.

Rust, who works in the Division of Institutional Advancement at Winthrop, will serve as affiliate artist in residence at McColl through Aug. 18. During her residency, Rust will participate in a variety of McColl Center events from April through August, including Open Studio Saturdays and open house nights where visitors can view Rust’s ongoing work. She plans to create a body of sculptural artworks in the form of dressing tables, joining 3D framework with abstracted “reflections” of women painted upon them and shelves displaying objects people may encounter in vanities.

Fashion + identity + adornment is a common theme among all aspects of Rust’s summer residency at the McColl Center, from her artwork to the April 18 Gala to the June 18 Community Workshop. Rust’s current work delves into a visual communication marrying fashion and identity with adornment. Her pieces also highlight several historical female couture designers and employ aspects of their work to further describe the paths of women.

Rust, a Rock Hill resident, said she is “thrilled and honored” to spend her summer in residency with the McColl Center.

“As a Charlotte native who can still picture the burned-out church shell on Tryon Street before it was resurrected as the Tryon Center (now McColl), I am thrilled and honored to have been selected to be an affiliate artist in residence through a competitive juried process,” said Rust.

Rust earned her B.F.A. (concentration in painting) at East Carolina University and her M.F.A. (concentration in painting) at Winthrop. She is a member of the National Association of Women Artists in New York, and she is a recipient of artist grants from both the Arts Council of York County and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts and Science Council. Rust has patrons worldwide who collect her work, and she exhibits annually in both solo and juried exhibitions across the U.S.

Check Rust’s availability at McColl in the events schedule* below:
May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, noon-4 p.m. – Open Studio Saturdays
May 15, 6-9 p.m. – Open House
May 21, 6-7:30 p.m. – Artist Talk
June 18, 6-8 p.m. – Community Workshop
Aug. 14, 6-9 p.m. Open House
*All events held at McColl Center unless otherwise noted.

For more information about Rust’s summer residency, visit the McColl Center website. Learn more about Rust’s artwork on her website, carolinerust.com.

Story by Meredith Carter, University Relations

SUMMERTIME stuff

Winthrop will observe special summer work hours again this year beginning Monday, May 18, 2015, and ending Friday, August 7, 2015. The official work hours during the summer are as follows:

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., Friday

Winthrop offices are expected to operate according to the summer hours listed above. Facilities Management and Campus Police will maintain regular work hours throughout the summer, and the hours of operation for Dacus Library are available on their website. Employees and supervisors may expect warmer temperatures in the campus buildings on Friday afternoons as the air conditioning temperature will be adjusted as a cost-savings measure. Other than scheduled special events, employees who choose to work on Friday afternoons should be prepared for the warmer temperatures. Facilities Management will not adjust building temperatures upon request.

To ensure that our Winthrop faculty, staff, and guests are comfortable and safe, special events requiring an exception to the pre-arranged building climate control settings must be approved by the divisional vice-president and communicated to Facilities Management in advance of the event.

Congratulations to our Staff Assembly retirees: Sharen Dubard, Athletics; Rosanne Wallace, Accreditation and Accountability; and Margaret Williamson, University College. They have been valuable members of our inaugural Staff Assembly. We wish you the best on your future journeys. Enjoy that free time!

MEETING stuff

UPCOMING STAFF CONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday, May 19 @ 2 p.m. Whitton Auditorium
The Staff Assembly serves as an advisory group that provides staff with a forum for communication and community and provides a voice in matters of importance and concern to staff. The group offers opportunities for staff to support one another, participate as a group in community outreach and engagement, and make recommendations to the university’s president and the administration in support of staff needs and the university’s mission.

Please e-mail staffassembly@winthrop.edu with any questions or suggestions you may have. If you would prefer the option of contacting the assembly anonymously, please complete the online Staff Feedback Form via a non-Winthrop computer.

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