Athletics

Staff and family members (with Winthrop ID) get into ALL Winthrop athletics events for free. In September, check the Eagles website and be sure to check out Men’s and Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball, and Men’s and Women’s Cross Country.

“PUP-TEMBER” night: Sept. 22, Men’s Soccer vs. Appalachian State at 7 p.m. Bring your dog out to watch humans kick a ball around. All dogs receive a treat and a Winthrop Eagles bandana; all dogs and their owners get in free.

Arts

The College of Visual and Performing Arts is kicking off their fall season. Staff members often get reduced-price tickets or free entry.

Theatre and Dance: upcoming–Jeffrey and Jane Eyre

Music: upcoming–Chartwell Dutiro, (left) mbira music from Zimbabwe

Winthrop Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band present a free outdoor concert on the Byrnes Auditorium lawn on Sunday, Sept. 27. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. 6 p.m.

Winthrop Galleries: September brings three new exhibitions to the galleries. Visit the website for more information. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Out and About

Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights Ballpark:

Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7:05 p.m. Join us at BB&T Ballpark as we cheer on the Charlotte Knights vs. the Durham Bulls (baseball). For tickets go to www.ticketreturn.com. At the top left-hand corner of the Ticket Return web page, enter the username and password below for special Winthrop ticket pricing and seats.

Username: WinthropUniversity and Password: knights

If you need additional information, please e-mail Laura Little or call extension 2145.

Tawba Fest on Saturday, Sept. 12. Food, fitness, fun—family festival at Rock Hill’s Riverwalk on the Catawba River. FREE. 2 –10 p.m.

Food Truck Friday on Friday, Sept. 18, at Fountain Park in downtown Rock Hill. The first 50 people with a Winthrop ID will be given a $10 gift certificate to use for food! 6 – 9 p.m.

Check out these upcoming events sponsored by Prevention Partners and the Campus Wellness Office.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Mobile Mammogram in the Margaret Nance parking lot. To schedule or for questions, call Kim Fields at 704/367-2232 ext. 6241. 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Pink out Day! All staff wear PINK in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Bra fitting by Belk’s (time and location, TBA)

Prevention Partners Fall Health Screenings

Tuesday, Oct. 14 (7-11 a.m.) Macfeat House

Thursday, Oct. 29 (7-11 a.m.) West Center

To volunteer with any of these events, contact Susan Sistar or Rosie Hopkins-Campbell.

The Campus and Community Involvement Committee has several upcoming opportunities for YOU to pitch in. If you like to get your hands dirty, and want to help plant food to donate to the local food pantry, save the date for Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m.—the next workday for our plot at the community garden. E-mail Pam Varraso or call ext. 2248 for more information.
The year 2015 marks the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To celebrate, the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is asking Winthrop students to participate in the upcoming October PhotoVoice Exhibition as a way to raise awareness of the issues they face on campus each day. ODS will be using photographs to educate the public, as well as those who have the political power to make change on our campus and in our communities. Students with disabilities have been charged to think about their barriers, take a photo, and submit them to the office, with where and when the photo was taken and a short summary of why it is an obstacle. As an example, in a prior exhibit, a student with severe allergies took a photo of her epi pen sitting inside her running shoes. Her summary explained how she can’t just throw on her shoes and go. She has to be very careful of what she comes in contact with, and she must read all food labels before she can grab a snack or lunch. One misstep could lead to anaphylactic shock and possibly death. Photographs and summaries will be posted on the windows of DiGiorgio Campus Center, Room 114 facing out into the lobby. Accessible every day from October 1-24th, during normal DiGiorgio Campus Center hours.

Thursday, Oct. 1, Dina’s Place, 5 p.m., please join several students as they participate in a panel discussion and discuss their photographs and some obstacles they face on a daily basis. Light refreshments served immediately following in the DiGiorgio Campus Center Lobby until 7:30 p.m.

We will kick off this celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act with IMPAIRED PERCEPTIONS, the photographic exhibition by nationally known author, speaker and photographer Brian Steel. Brian travels the country speaking about ableism and how we define people by their disabilities. If we do not ‘see’ the disability, it must not exist and therefore, they are not credible. His striking black and white photography will be displayed in the Lewandowski Gallery on Sept. 16 (one day only). His message is clear that we perceive the limitations of others simply by visual inspection and discount their existence by our inner biases. May contain mature subject matter.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Dina’s Place, 5 p.m., video presentation and discussion. Lewandowski Gallery, 5:50-7:30 p.m. to view “Impaired Perceptions” and enjoy a reception with light refreshments.
Welcome to Winthrop
New Staff Members!

SONIA AGUILAR: Custodial, Facilities Management
CHARLI BRYAN: Residential Learning Coordinator, Residence Life
ALADINO CASTIBLANCO: Custodial, Facilities Management
SETH FAULKNER, Athletic Trainer, Athletics
LINDA SEIBLES-HEATH: Custodial, Facilities Management
JENN HESTER: Residential Learning Coordinator, Residence Life
MARY ELLEN LOROW, Administrative Specialist/Live Text Coordinator, Macfeat Laboratory Schools
JOSHUA KUENSTING: Studio Lab Coordinator, Fine Arts
RONA NEELY: Program Facilitator, CERRA SC
ANGELA SIMPSON: Custodial, Facilities Management
TERESA GREEN-THOMAS: Administrative Specialist, Office of the Dean of the College of Business Administration
ADRIAN WILSON: Employee Relations and Benefits Manager, Human Resources

Welcome. Front: l-r: Aladino Castiblanco, Angela Simpson, Sonia Aguilar, Linda Seibles-Heath; back: Terese Green-Thomas, Adrian Wilson, Joshua Kuensting, Charli Bryan, Rona Neely, Jenn Hester

CONGRATULATIONS stuff
Staff Member of the Month nominees for July:
Alexandra Persson, President’s Office; Amanda Hackney, Office of the Dean, CAS; Beverly Holbrook, Health Services; Cheryl Taylor, Office of the Dean, CVPA; Curlene Moise, Counseling, Leadership, & Educational Studies; Deborah Broome, Sponsored Programs and Research; Donna Guerra, Music; Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, Accreditation and Accountability; Eric Moss, Computing and Information Technology; Eric Threatt, Computing and Information Technology; Jackie Anthony, Health Services; Jackie Brockington, Records and Registration; Jane Rawls, Office of the Dean, COE; Jen Fricke, Office of the Dean, COE; Joan Hetherington, Sponsored Programs and Research; Joan Vandersloot, Office of the Dean, CAS; Joey Martin, Computing and Information Technology; Justin Temple, Computing and Information Technology; Katie Langer, Development; Laura Foster, Career and Civic Engagement; Linda Thomas, Facilities Management; Michael Stroud, Computing and Information Technology; Michelle Mitcham, Social Work; Nancy Scarry, Accreditation and Accountability; Nancy Thomas, Records and Registration; Nikki Ford, Health Services; Robin Thorne, Facilities Management; Terry Sexton, Purchasing; Willie Aiken, Chemistry, Physics and Geology

FACEBOOK stuff
Bonus content, staff photos, and up-to-the-minute news flashes can all be yours at the Winthrop Staff Assembly facebook page!
Each month, Staff Stuff will be featuring fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, find out more about the members of the Graduate School office.

Jack DeRochi, Ph.D., dean of Graduate School
I am responsible for the overall promotion and administrative support for graduate education at Winthrop. Although I make the final decision regarding graduate admissions, most of that work is done by our great admissions staff and the graduate program directors across campus. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues in multiple departments across campus to provide the highest quality graduate programs to our students. Our work focuses not only on new programs and enrollment, but also on operations and policies that best serve our students and the university. Drop by for a visit and say hello to the Graduate School team in Tillman 211.

April Hershey ’99, ’11, assistant to the dean
I handle the Dean's calendar, graduate assistantships, graduate scholarships, and the Graduate School budget. I am also responsible for the thesis process from the time it is turned in to the Graduate School to the point at which copies are distributed to the appropriate colleges.

Arenette McNeil ’02 ,’10, graduate admissions coordinator
I am responsible for processing applications and some recruitment for graduate students within the College of Business Administration, College of Arts and Sciences (except Master of Social Work), and all Graduate non-degree and graduate special course applicants. After I receive an application, I gather all required supplemental documentation and admit or deny students in the system after receiving the final admission decision from the program director, graduate director and dean of the Graduate School.

Kate Barringer ’12 , ’14, graduate admissions coordinator
I love the process of speaking with students from their initial interest in one of our graduate degree programs, assisting them throughout their application process, and hearing their excitement upon an admissions decision. I handle graduate applications for graduate students within the Richard W. Riley College of Education, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Master of Social Work program.

Patrick Guilbaud, Ph.D., director of adult programs
I am tasked to lead the identification, development and implementation of revenue-generating degree completion, workshops, and certificate courses and programs for working adults and post-traditional students. As part of my activities, I facilitate and support the roll-out of on-line, hybrid, face-to-face and course delivery at the university in order to meet the needs of adult students with work and family responsibilities.

Katie Dykhuis, ’98 and ’05, graduate enrollment director
I oversee marketing, recruitment, and admissions for Winthrop’s Graduate School (did you know there are more than 25 graduate programs?!). I visit other colleges and coordinate on-campus events to help prospective students see that Winthrop is the best place to get a graduate degree! I also review and revise our application and admissions process to make it as efficient and user-friendly as possible for our future Winthrop grad students.

Get more information about Graduate School here, including a great video about the programs and students.

The Professional Development Committee proudly presents the inaugural “Wake Up Friday” on September 4.
Everyone is invited to come meet the members of the Career and Civic Engagement team from 8 – 9 a.m. for FREE coffee & donuts and an opportunity to learn more about their department!
Crawford Building, room 114
Each month, Staff Stuff will be featuring some fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, meet Maria D’Agostino, vice-chair of the Staff Assembly.

I am completing my 15th year here at Winthrop. Currently, I work in the Office of Records & Registration as the Assistant Registrar for Records. I was first hired as the Veteran Affairs Benefits/Graduation Coordinator in the Office of Records & Registration. It was in this position where I discovered my passion for working with students and being in the university environment...it’s where I found my home in higher education.

In addition to working in the Office of Records & Registration over the years, I have also had opportunities to wear other hats: teaching a couple introductory courses in the Department of Political Science, serving as a mentor in the REACH program, teaching ACAD, and currently having the privilege and deep pleasure to be a part of the Staff Assembly. Such experiences have allowed me to connect with students and staff I might not otherwise have met.

Our records team is responsible for many services that include undergraduate and graduate degree progress and graduation; graduation activities carried out during undergraduate and graduate commencements; determining and awarding honors; processing transfer credit; coordinating university’s cultural events requirement; certifying students receiving veteran educational benefits; processing change of major/minor/catalog/graduate program, as well as other activities related to the maintenance of the student academic record. As the Assistant Registrar for Records, I am also responsible for reviewing and certifying all student athletes’ academic eligibility status; processing faculty grade changes; processing academic forgiveness requests; complying with subpoenas received by the university regarding student academic records; managing the maintenance and retention of student academic records; and ensuring compliance with university policies and FERPA.

I received a bachelor’s degree in political science with an emphasis in public management from University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) in government management from Pace University in New York. While completing my last year in graduate school and prior to coming to Winthrop, I worked for a local government in Westchester County, New York.

My home is a busy one…so I cherish family time. I love spending time with my husband Rick and our two daughters Katerina, 11, and Gabriella, 7. I also enjoy cooking, reading, volunteering in my community, swimming and traveling. For me there are three great things about working at Winthrop: (no specific order)...I love my job and what I do. Having the opportunity to meet and work with some truly amazing people. Knowing that we all share the commitment of serving our students.

This summer, I had the opportunity to visit Greece with my family. Both my daughters love the Percy Jackson book series and are big fans of Greek mythology, so it made our trip all the more fun. We spent some time sightseeing around Athens. We traveled outside of Athens and visited other sites such as the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion, god of sea. We also had the opportunity to visit two breathtaking Greek Islands. There is truly no end of monuments, archaeological sites and attractions in Greece. My family’s roots are from Greece so I have been able to visit over the years. This trip was all the more special, though – my daughters were at a great age and it was amazing to see just how excited they got over all of this. It was a great experience and a memorable adventure!

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.

www.winthrop.edu/staff

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