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Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Henry Bennett, custodial worker, Facilities Management
Jane Blackmon, custodial worker, Facilities Management
Ja'Shaun Blanding, field coordinator, Social Work
Amanda Cavin, Eagle STEM scholars program director, Chemistry, Physics, & Geology
Stephanie Chicas, field coordinator, Political Science
Maura Conway, administrative assistant, Fine Arts
Shaniqua Corley-Moore, academic technologies manager, Computing & Information Technology
Dave Davis, associate head men's basketball coach, Athletics
Laura Davis, coordinator for recreational services & the West Center, Student Life
Eli Foy, assistant strength and conditioning coach, Athletics
Justin Gray, assistant men's basketball coach, Athletics
John Kroft, registration and readmission coordinator, Records and Registration
Tessa Ritchie, licensed practical nurse, Health Services
Isaac Rodgers, police officer, Athletics
Vivian Segnini, women's tennis coach, Athletics
Telisa Simon, custodial worker, Facilities Management
Nacema Stennett, assistant director for fraternity and sorority affairs, Student Life
Jason Thornton, associate director for recreational services operations, Student Life
Sergio Trujillo, police officer, Campus Police
Sammira Tucker, user support technician, Computing & Information Technology
Emily Wade, external clients manager, Office of University Events

Sometimes I think my life could carry the same title of the famous book series: A Series of Unfortunate Events. I’ve been through a lot of major changes in my life, each one a bit more challenging and often unexpected than the next. However, one event that was not unfortunate was coming to work for Winthrop University. 14 years ago, I started at Winthrop University with nothing more than a high school diploma, a few part-time jobs, four young children, and a distaste for sweet tea. Since then, my kids have all graduated; I’ve moved from working at the Dacus Library to the Controller’s Office, and now Student Financial Services; I have obtained not only my bachelor’s degree, but also my master’s degree; and I am the newest chair of Staff Assembly.

I could write a paragraph about my hobbies (video games, going out with friends), my children (I have four of them!), my cats (#catsforlife) or my hopes and dreams (traveling and personal growth), but the best way to get to know me, or to know anyone on campus, is to talk to them, spend time at activities and events on campus or volunteer for a committee or, better yet, staff assembly!

As a staff member at Winthrop, I started out as someone who clocked in, did my job, and clocked out. I took the paycheck and I went home. Over time, I started to be more involved. I would help at Orientation check-in, or flip burgers at the Come-See-Me tent. Winthrop grew on me, and if you let it, and you step outside of your comfort zone, you will grow at Winthrop. Oh, and I still dislike sweet tea.

Save the Dates

Retirewise Workshops: September 5, 12, and 19 from 11-12:15 p.m. in DIGs room 221. Register here.
Benefits and Wellness Fair: October 1 from 10-2 p.m. in Richardson Ballroom.
Regional Pre-Retirement Seminar: November 1 from 8:30-4 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium. Register on the PEBA Events Calendar.
Be sure to regularly check the HR Wellness website for the most up-to-date event information.
If you have questions, please contact Brittany Cromedy, benefits and wellness program manager, Human Resources, at cromedybh@wincampus.edu or 803/323-2273.

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 Big Stuff, send an e-mail to 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: Jan Patterson, program specialist, CERRA.
In my “spare time”, I am a mother to teenage twin boys who are starting at Northwestern High School in the fall. One plays on the football team so I get the privilege of shuttling him back and forth to football practice during the summer. I have a young daughter that begins first grade in the fall at Ebensburg Elementary School. At the end of this school year, my husband and I were appointed as Vice-President and President of the PTO. My husband and I also lead a marriage ministry group on Monday nights in our home. I enjoy time in the kitchen testing out family-friendly meals that I have converted from standard recipes into WW (formerly known as Weight Watchers) recipes to share on Social Media and with my WW group on Saturday mornings. I am in the process now of becoming a WW Coach to lead my own group on the weekends. My “spare time” is usually full of time with my family but in those rare, quiet moments late at night when the kiddos are fast asleep, I enjoy reading, crocheting, and writing/creating in my bullet journal.

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be? You will never get the experience anywhere else that you would get by becoming an Eagle. Winthrop is a family-knit group where we care for EVERYONE. Not just those here on campus, but you are encouraged to go out into the community and give back. We have been teaching our children to find opportunities each day to pay it forward to others because we have been blessed by so much. I can see that standard practiced here also. I would be proud to have one of my children choose Winthrop as part of their journey in life.

What makes Winthrop special to you? The culture on campus and the friendships made working here. It’s also my alma mater.

What drives you to make such a difference? I want the university’s Web presence to be a beacon for prospective students and a provider of usable information for current students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, etc.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop? Knowing that Winthrop enables and influences students to become successful and find their own path.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies? Guitar, guitar, guitar…Writing, recording, and producing my own music.

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Milestones

Natalie Hozak, assistant to the athletic director, Athletics, married Nick Callhoun on July 6.

Daniel Lundy, associate head athletic trainer, Athletics, with his wife, Elizabeth, and ring bearer, Flint.

Professional Development Conference

The 2019 Staff Professional Development Conference, held June 26 and June 27, was a great opportunity for staff to learn about a diverse range of topics including poverty on college campuses, coping with change, marketing yourself, successfully working with colleagues, appreciating differences, and understanding Gen Z.

Staff Conference Highlights

May

- Staff questions concerned contracting out maintenance on campus, why the Hardin Garden fountains have been turned off, athletics’ recruiting expenses, overflowing trash cans, raises and promotions, and if the cost of doing national searches for job openings is justified.
- Callie Smith, director of new student and family programs, Student Life, spoke about the upcoming orientation sessions.
- Josh Sides, head esports coach, Athletics, gave a presentation on esports and the plans for Winthrop’s new team.
- Katie Price, director of marketing, University Communications and Marketing; and Jamie Ray, director of web development, University Communications and Marketing, announced information about Winthrop’s new website design.

June

- Staff questions concerned moving to a four-day week, the possibility of having a required minimum training period before implementing new systems, financial support for the esports team, why the Board of Trustees is reviewing job postings, and safety concerns on campus.
- President Mahony gave an update on enrollment and the state budget process.
- Staff from the Graduate School gave a presentation on enrollment, marketing efforts, the new Bachelor of Professional Studies program, and comparisons between campus-based and online programs.
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.

Elections & Nominations
E-mail bestr@winthrop.edu
The committee is responsible for conducting elections of Staff Assembly representatives when there is a vacant seat or when Staff Assembly representative seats have expired.

Media & Communications
E-mail: cauthenk@winthrop.edu
The committee gathers staff news and helps put together the Staff Stuff Newsletter.

Professional Development
E-mail willism@winthrop.edu
The committee members initiate staff development opportunities. The group looks at a wide variety of interests among staff members and looks to bring training and informational sessions to staff.

Recognition
E-mail knightm@winthrop.edu
Committee members increase awareness of the contributions that staff make to Winthrop and this group helps promote the recognition of outstanding staff. We have staff nominations submitted to this committee each month a staff member of the month winner who wins a Winthrop prize bag filled with goodies — including a parking pass near your building, and a free one-month membership to the West Center.

Staff Feedback
E-mail houghw@winthrop.edu
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Get Involved
Join a staff committee!

Campus & Community Involvement
E-mail adamsb@winthrop.edu
Committee members coordinate social, volunteer, and other activities to provide staff with opportunities to interact outside of their normal job roles. The committee has been able to coordinate opportunities for staff to get involved with Food Truck Fridays in downtown Rock Hill, Food Drives, Pink Out Day, Cookie Exchange, as well as the City of Rock Hill's Come-See-Me festival in the spring.

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2019-2020 Staff Assembly Representatives
Megan Baggarly - Student Affairs
Jonathan Brabson - Athletics
Kara Cauthen - Academic Affairs
Thomas Cornelius - Academic Affairs
Katie Gawronski - Access and Enrollment Management
April Hershey - Academic Affairs
Chris Johnson - Finance and Business
Lydia Johnson - Finance and Business
Jessica Martin - Student Affairs
Kirk McSwain - Office of the President
Claire Mooney-Melvin - Athletics
Brittany Neely - University Advancement
Linda O’Connor - Finance and Business
Tanya Pettus - Human Resources

Thank you to our outgoing representatives:
Nicole Chisari - University Relations
Julia Fockler - Access and Enrollment Management
Wes Love - Finance and Business
Alicia Marstall - Student Affairs
Kelly McGinnis - Athletics

We appreciate all of your service to our campus!

Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee:
Kara Cauthen, Maria D’Agostino, Kaye Hayes, Kelly McGinnis, Kat Wilson.