

# STAFF stuff

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## Heads up!

Next week, Staff Assembly will be sending out a survey to all staff members, and we need to hear from you! Keep an eye on your e-mail and the Daily Digest for the link to the survey. The survey will be open until February 26.



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# SPOTLIGHT

## ON Staff Assembly

Debbie Garrick  
*development officer, University Advancement*

I have worked at Winthrop collectively for more than 20 years. I worked here from 1996-2014 (eight years in Career Services and about ten in Alumni Relations. I was the associate vice president and executive director of Alumni Relations when I left in 2014 to accept a job at the City of Rock Hill. I returned to Winthrop in 2018 as a development officer. My current role is to raise money for scholarships and other Winthrop initiatives by visiting alumni and donors to garner their support.

I received a B.A. from Winthrop in communications with a focus on journalism and a minor in technical writing. I also received my M.Ed. from Winthrop in counseling and development, and I received an Ed.D. in higher education administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

My interests outside of work include reading, creative writing and traveling (that one is on hold for now). I am also involved in community and church activities.

I am blessed to still have both my parents living about two hours away. I also have two younger sisters (one is also a Winthrop grad) who have given me a niece and four nephews! My oldest nephew lives with me, so I guess I am a pseudo parent in that regard. I also have a 30-year-old godson here in Rock Hill.

I was a member of the very first Staff Assembly and am happy to be back!

## 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 Big Stuff, 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: Cheryl Gomez, *human resources assistant, Human Resources*.

# New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Jeffrey Carmel, *user support technician, Computing & Information Technology*

Joshua Cooperwood, *assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics*

Onix Delgado, *HVAC-R worker, Facilities Management*

Carla Miles, *employee relations manager, Human Resources*

Tally Peake, *director of operations and maintenance, Facilities Management*

Ruth Walkup, *nurse manager/nurse practitioner, Health Services*

## Staff Conference Highlights

### December

- Staff submitted questions regarding printing services charges, EEAP tax implications, the requirement to work on campus during Phase 2 of the Return to Work on Campus plan, alternatives to dual-factor authentication, and the "error 500" some users have been seeing when logging in to Wingspan.
- Alexa Allen, *administrative specialist, Department of Human Nutrition*; and Laura Davis, *coordinator for recreational services & the West Center, Recreational Services*, provided some tips for a healthy holiday season.

### January

- Staff submitted questions regarding whether Winthrop will require vaccines, the new 20-minute parking signs, whether Winthrop received anything from the York County Electric settlement, the pay increase for leaders of state institutions, the salary compensation survey and raises for staff, why the Staff Conference presentations are password protected, the status of some facilities repair projects, and litter around campus.
- Jackie Concodora, *director, Health Services*, shared details about the new Ombuds Office and how staff can utilize it.

To view the complete PowerPoint or review the minutes, visit the [Staff Conference SharePoint Site!](#)



# Committee Corner

Each month, we'll be highlighting a different staff committee to show the ways that staff can get involved. This month's focus is on **Professional Development**.

The Professional Development Committee was established in 2014 to bring development opportunities such as training and informational sessions to staff members. The committee is responsible for the annual Professional Development Conference that usually takes place during the summer. This year, the committee has worked to create virtual opportunities and online webinars for staff.

If you would like to learn more or get involved yourself, contact Marcia Willis at [willism@winthrop.edu](mailto:willism@winthrop.edu)!

- 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

# Connect With Us!

February 20 is National Love Your Pet Day! Tell us what makes your pet great and send a photo to [cauthenk@winthrop.edu](mailto:cauthenk@winthrop.edu) or post to the [Staff Conference Facebook Page](#) by February 20 to be included in the next newsletter!

# Staff Photos



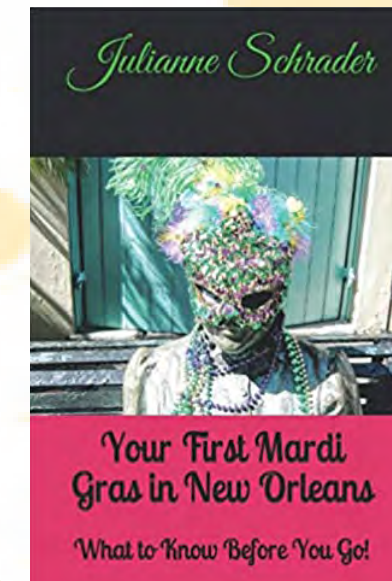
Campus & Community Involvement organized a group of staff members who spent a Saturday picking up litter on campus.



Poinsettias were still grown this year at the Winthrop greenhouse, thanks to workers such as James Ervin, grounds, Facilities Management!



President Hynd and the First Lady at CCIC's litter pickup event.



Julianne Schrader, *assistant director, Residence Life*, has published another book! Congratulations on this great accomplishment!



Members of the Campus & Community Involvement Committee delivered pet food collected for Meals on Wheels. Our 2020 food drives collected 255 lbs. of food for the Human Nutrition food pantry and 175 lbs. of pet food (along with blankets and toys)!

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