

Staff Stuff



LET'S GO, EAGLES!

Who officially kicked off the 2025-26 college basketball season? The **Winthrop Eagles**! The Field of 68 partnered with Visit York County to host a series of games Nov. 3 at the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center. The men's basketball team defeated Queens University, and plenty of staff were in attendance to cheer the players on, including President Edward Serna.



ZOOM
through the
next few
pages to see
how staff
celebrated
HALLOWEEN...









Staff Out and About



Winthrop staff hosted a meal for the Bethel Men's Shelter. **Kelly Scott '90** (AAS), who helped organize the event, said shelter staff love Winthrop's hospitality and food! In addition to Scott, volunteers included **Brittany Pigford '99** (Archives), **Lily Wooters** (Financial Aid), **Georgette Bell** (Cashier's), and **Lydia Johnson '16** (HR).



Fresh Check!



Winthrop marked a decade of promoting the importance of mental health and wellness at its annual **Fresh Check Day** on Oct. 23 in Richardson Ballroom. Developed by the Jordan Porco Foundation, the innovative initiative brings the entire campus community together to “check-in” on the mental health and well-being of college students through interactive booths, engaging activities and impactful exhibits. The Center for Student Wellness’ Health Promotion division collaborated with various campus departments, student organizations and community-based prevention organizations for the event.

Above, top left: President Serna stopped by the event, spearheaded by **Rosie Hopkins-Campbell**, health promotion coordinator.

Above, bottom left: **Kanisha Rollings**, from Student Affairs, helped pointed students toward the different tables.



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Left: Winthrop welcomed about 600 prospective students and their families on Oct. 18 for Open House. Staff tabled in the West Center to show guests what resources are available on campus, including **Tammy Eason** and **Kenya Ratliff** from the Center for Career Development & Internships and **Amanda Caldwell** from Dacus Library.

Right: The Admissions Office celebrated Winthrop's transfer students via National Transfer Student Week on Oct. 20-24 with prizes, a group photo, a resource fair, and more. In this photo, **Sandi Gero**, transfer admissions coordinator, talked to a transfer student about available resources she could explore.



New Hires

***Elissa McPhail,**

WinthropLIFE

employability

coordinator, Richard W.

Riley College of

Education, Sport and

Human Performance

***Parker Pickerign,** event

coordinator, University

Events

***India Richardson,** nurse

practitioner, Center for

Student Wellness

Welcome to our New Staff Assembly Members!

Collins Cornwell '13, director of student conduct, Student Affairs

Mary Gagnon, employment coordinator, Human Resources

Emily Hayes '20, admissions counselor, Enrollment Management & Marketing

**HAVE AN
AWESOME
COWORKER? DO
YOU KNOW A
STAFF MEMBER
WHO WENT ABOVE
AND BEYOND?
NOMINATE THEM
FOR STAFF
MEMBER OF THE
MONTH!**



The Campus & Community Involvement Committee will hold a **Pet Food and Supplies Drive** benefitting the York County Council on Aging.

When: Nov. 12-Dec. 17

Details coming via Daily Digest.

The committee is also continuing to collect plastic bags to go toward Winthrop's 6TH BENCH!

Collection locations:

- *Coliseum
- *Dacus Library
- *Facilities Management
- *Kinard lobby (under the stairs)
- *West Center
- *Withers

The Professional Development Committee presents **Create Your Own Mini-Terrarium!**

When: Friday, Nov. 21, 1-2 p.m.

Where: 136 Dalton Hall

What: Learning about small office plants/plant options/succulents



The City of Rock Hill Christmas Parade is a long-time tradition in our community, and you can be a part of it! The city needs volunteers to serve as parade monitors, who will walk along with the floats and keep things moving smoothly.

When: Friday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

How: [Sign up to be a volunteer here.](#)



NEED A PASSPORT??

The Winthrop International Center has you covered!

Join us for our exclusive **Passport Caravan**, a Winthrop-only event in partnership with the York County Passport Office.

SCAN HERE



TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

What to Expect:

- ✓ Priority service. No waiting for the public
- ✓ Personalized assistance with document preparation and passport photos
- ✓ Streamlined help for Winthrop members

Come to **Dinkins Hall, Room 218** to pick up application forms, receive further instructions, and have your questions answered.

WHERE: York County Passport Office
933 Heckle Blvd, Rock Hill, SC

WHEN: Monday, November 17
🕒 4:30 – 6:00 PM



This event is open to current Winthrop University students and staff, as well as their immediate family members. Immediate family must attend with their Winthrop affiliate and may not register separately. Registration closes Friday, November 14 at 8:00 PM.



PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN ON OUR 2025-26 **STUDENT SUCCESS PARTNERS** SERIES

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER SERIES OF DATA-SHARING
SESSIONS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE STUDENT SUCCESS
AT WINTHROP!

SAVE THE DATES

Hosted by the Department of Institutional Effectiveness

9/24/25 - 10-11:15am (DiGs 114)

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow: Graduating Senior Survey (with 2025 data update)

10/28/25 - 2-3:15pm (DiGs 114)

Something Wicked This Way Comes: Using AI to analyze data

11/11/25 - 2-3:15pm (DiGs 114)

Who Was Enroll'd 'Mongst Wonders: Student Enrollment
(Collaborative session with Dr. Joseph Miller)

1/28/26 - 10-11:15am (DiGs 114)

To Stay or Not to Stay, That is the Question: Retention Dashboard debut

2/25/26 - 10-11:15am (DiGs 114)

We Know What We Are, But Know Not What We May Be: Career Outcomes
(Collaborative session with Becky Ross)

3/25/26 - 10-11:15am (DiGs 114)

Life's Uncertain Voyage: TBD