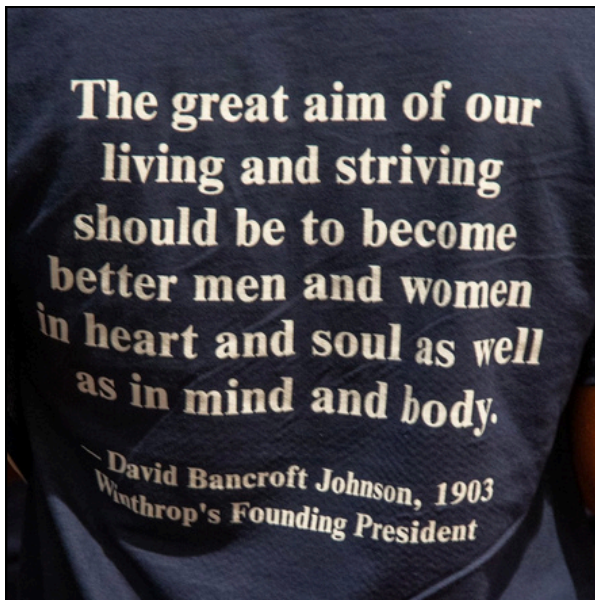


Staff Stuff



*A new year
has begun!*



Winthrop University's 140th academic year is well underway! Convocation on Aug. 25 returned to Byrnes Auditorium, the first time since 2018, and featured what President Edward Serna hopes will be a new tradition: Lighting the Winthrop Way. Above, Miranda Knight, assistant dean of students, handed out battery-powered candles to students for the new tradition.



**FACULTY AND
STAFF GATHERED
ON AUG. 18 IN
RICHARDSON
BALLROOM FOR
PRESIDENT
EDWARD SERNA'S
WELCOME
ADDRESS,
FOLLOWED BY
FOOD AND
CONVERSATION!**

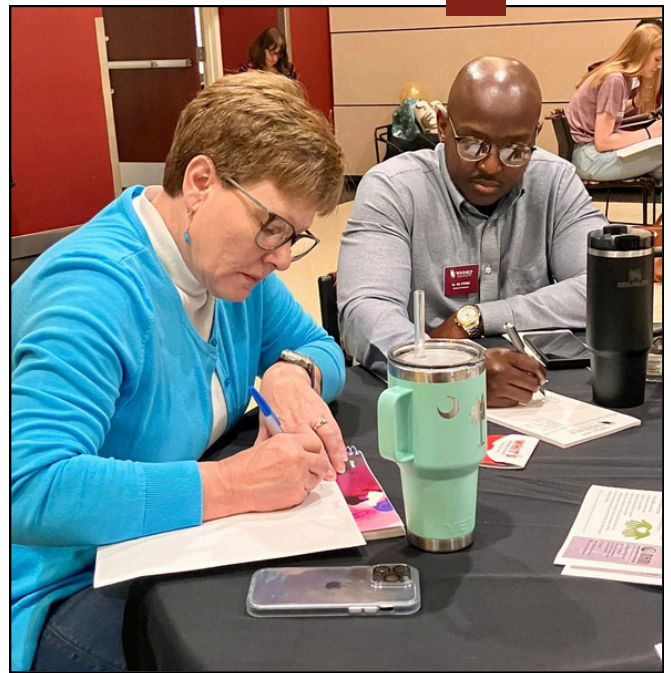


ABOVE: ADMISSIONS' DAVID ROLLINGS HELPED DIRECT PEOPLE ON TO CAMPUS DURING AUGUST'S MOVE-IN DATES. BELOW: WINTHROP'S ADMISSIONS TEAM ANNOUNCED A NEW DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIP FOCUSING ON BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP WITH ROCK HILL SCHOOLS AT AN AUG. 12 EVENT.





STAFF GATHERED IN RICHARDSON BALLROOM ON JUNE 24 FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S CONFERENCE. THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO ALL OF THE SPEAKERS AND SUPPORTERS!



Summer of Service



Randy Sims, Winthrop Police parking enforcement officer, spent his summer repainting the parking lines on campus. He also created stencils for the Handicapped and new visitor spaces. One of Sims' first jobs in life was painting, so when Chief Charles Yearta mentioned this summer task, Sims knew he was the man for the job...even if it meant sweating in 100+ degree heat. Thank you, Randy!



The Campus & Community Involvement Committee

collected almost 80 pounds of food and miscellaneous items at the Welcome Back event, which will go to the Student Life pantry. Thanks, everyone!

Something to Celebrate



The J. Robert Bazemore Design Center, Winthrop University's new 5,000-square-foot interior design center located downtown in The Thread, is now open! Many staff members attended the Aug. 20 dedication.

New Hires:

***Maddie Barhorst**, assistant women's lacrosse coach, Athletics

***Natalie Cabrera**, nurse practitioner/manager, Health Services

***Cici Chen**, prospect management and research officer, Development

***Raffael Craig**, head track and cross country coach, Athletics

***Sidney Crist**, director of men's basketball operations, Athletics

***Peyton Darnell**, assistant softball coach, Athletics

***Annamarie Gowing**, assistant strength and conditioning coach, Athletics

***Shalesha Gray**, administrative assistant, Mass Communication

***Meredith Hughes**, facilities design and development director, Finance and Business Affairs

***Carrie Johnston**, digital strategies and systems librarian, Dacus Library

***Eric Littles**, residential success coordinator, Residence Life

***Debbie Lomenzo**, lead teacher at Macfeat

***Carisma Lynn**, director of women's basketball operations, Athletics

***Luna Mackie**, residential success coordinator, Residence Life

***Melissa McCartney**, dean of the School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education

***Mackenzie Miller**, staff counselor, Center for Student Wellness

***Alex Polatajko**, marketing and fan engagement coordinator, Athletics

***Dylan Rokosz**, ticket sales and event operations manager, Athletics

***Elyse Sellers**, accountant, Controller's Office

***Jennifer Tinneny**, precollegiate program facilitator, CERRA

***Chloe Wind**, staff counselor, Center for Student Wellness

***Lindsay Yearta**, executive director, CERRA

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



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