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March 25 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

LGBTQIA Identities & Communities

Presenters: Brandon Ranallo-Benavidez, Shelley Hamill, Kinyata Brown

April 11 (4 - 5:30 p.m.) &

April 13 (4 - 5:30 p.m.)

Ableism & Disability Justice

Presenters: Chris Keck, Shardae Nelson

May 13 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Religion's Power

Presenters: Margaret Gillikin, Brent Woodfill, Kristin Kiblinger

June 13 (4 - 5:30 p.m.) &

June 15 (4 - 5:30 p.m.)

Diversity Leadership

Presenters: Mike Sickels, Wanda Ebright, Jennifer Disney

SAVE THE DATE

Register at: <https://www.winthrop.edu/thecke>

STAFF MEMBERS of the month

January

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been at Winthrop for six months. I started August 16, 2021.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop is special to me because of the welcoming feeling I got from the first day I walked into Health and Counseling Services. You encounter a lot of friendly people when you walk around campus.

What drives you to make such a difference?

My drive to make a difference comes from the fact that I am proud to have been a successful nurse for many years. I uphold the high standards of my profession. Those standards drive me every day to leave a positive and caring impact on others.

Nominees

Wake Harper, student services program coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences; **Miranda Knight**, assistant dean of students, Student Life; **Katie Langer**, advancement services manager, University Advancement; and **Charlie McDonald**, recycling supervisor, Facilities Management.

Shelly Brodick
registered nurse
Health Services

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

My favorite part of Winthrop is the people I work with. I couldn't do my job without the amazing co-workers I have in Health and Counseling Services. We are a team that helps each other in every way we can.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

In my spare time, I like to work out, walk, cook with my husband, and I enjoy baking.

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?

One thing I would tell an incoming student about Winthrop University is that this is a place of opportunity to direct your life in a positive and rewarding path. Do not let this opportunity slip through your fingers. Always believe in yourself.



How many years have you been at Winthrop?

I have been at Winthrop for one year and one month.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop University has great people—both employees and students!

What drives you to make such a difference?

I initially got into nursing because of my father's death and a calling that I received from the Lord. I am passionate about serving people in the best way that I can. I love educating my patients!

Ruth Walkup

nurse manager/nurse practitioner
Health Services

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

My favorite part of Winthrop is the people that I work with and the students that are needing help.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I like to hike with my husband, Mike, and my dog, Daisy. I enjoy traveling. I enjoy all types of arts and crafts whenever I have the time.

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?

I would tell the new student that Winthrop is a great university and to get involved in a couple of clubs or activities in order to meet other students with similar interests. I would tell them to be sure and utilize Health and Counseling Services because we are here to support you!

Staff Member of the Month

- 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

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop family:

Karen Allen, assistant athletic director for internal operations, Athletics

Zane Barnes, assistant men's soccer coach, Athletics

Ashley Garrick, associate field director, Social Work

Scott Morrison, athletic trainer, Athletics

Staff Conference Highlights

- **Meg Webber**, vice provost for academic quality and innovation, Academic Affairs, gave a presentation about the next Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in preparation for the upcoming SACSCOC site visit taking place March 22-24. The new QEP is called "Flight Ready" and focuses on career readiness.

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

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 him, 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:

Nina Grant, director, Center for Career Development & Internships.

Staff Spotlight

Faculty, staff, and students who come to the ground floor of Tillman can't miss the amazing decorations put up by the staff in the Cashiers Office: **Georgette Bell**, fiscal technician; **Debbie Casperson**, accounting technician; and **Laura Ramsey**, accounting technician.



The office-decorating tradition began more than 20 years ago and has grown throughout the years. The Cashiers Office generally has 11 decoration themes each year:

- January - snow
- February - Valentine's Day
- March - St. Patrick's Day
- March/April - Easter
- May - Memorial Day
- June - summer
- July - Independence Day
- August/September - Winthrop theme
- October - Halloween
- November - fall
- December - Christmas

Many of the ideas come from Cashiers' own in-house Martha Stewart - Georgette Bell! In between seasons, the decorations have their own area in the Cashiers' file room.



So which themes are the most popular? Laura enjoys all the different decoration themes, because they all brighten up the office and make it more welcoming. Georgette's favorite theme is fall, and Debbie favors Christmas. As for visitors to the office - they say Halloween is everyone's favorite, although a few students were afraid to walk into the Cashiers Office because it was too scary!

So the next time you are walking by, be sure to take a detour past Cashiers and see their wonderful work for yourself!



Upcoming Events

Staff Conference's Professional Development Committee has partnered with the West Center and Professor of Chemistry Maria Gelabert to offer a special yoga session for staff on Monday, March 21, at 4-5 p.m. in 112 West Center. Space is limited to 20 people (and masks are required), so register ASAP via the [Center for Professional Excellence calendar](#).

STAFF CONFERENCE'S PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

YOGA

With Chemistry Professor Maria Gelabert



MONDAY, MARCH 21, 4-5 P.M.
112 WEST CENTER

Register via www.winthrop.edu/thecpe

Sponsored by Winthrop University's South Carolina Women in Higher Education Campus Group

Human Library



Staff Conference's Professional Development Committee will proudly co-sponsor the "Human Library," an in-person inspirational professional development experience!

Accomplished women from across the university will share life lessons based on their personal experiences navigating the interesting twists and turns along their career paths as women and women of color. These women — the "books" making up this library — include **Adrienne Edwards**, assistant professor and program director, *Human Development and Family Studies*; **Adrienne McCormick**, provost, *Academic Affairs*; **Karen Oremus**, professor and chair, *Department of Fine Arts*; **Takita Sumter**, dean, *College of Arts and Sciences*; **Julia Taggart**, sergeant, *Campus Police*; and **Vanessa Valdez '15**, graduate student services director and Accounting, Mentorship, and Professional Development program director, *College of Business Administration*.

Gently used professional clothing will be collected at the event to contribute to professional clothes closets for Winthrop students.

Please join us Tuesday, March 8
In Richardson Ballroom from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

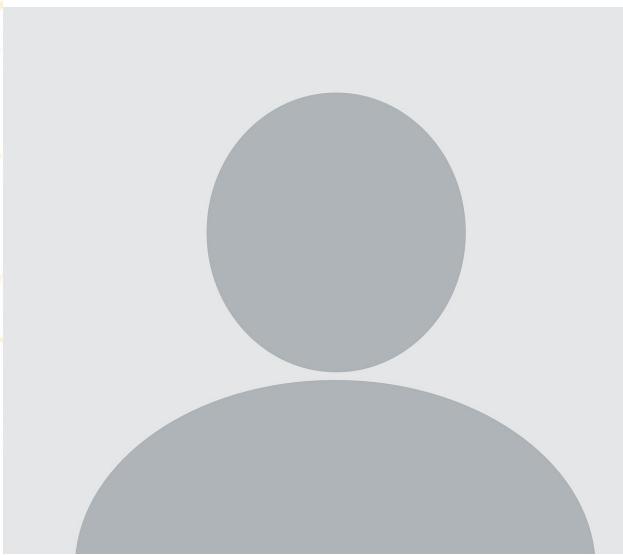
Register to come together and be inspired by these amazing women's life lessons.

WUCycle Returns!

After a two-year hiatus, the Department of Residence Life's 11th annual WUCycle event will return on April 29 in the Withers Student Activity Center. Stop by in the morning to donate your unwanted (but still useful) items, and then return later in the day to shop—for free! There is no obligation to bring something in order to take something.

View the [event's Facebook page](#) for a full list of prohibited items and schedule details. Questions can also be e-mailed to schraderj@winthrop.edu.

Spotlight on Staff Assembly



This could be you! Staff Assembly has openings for representatives from **Athletics** and **Student Affairs**. Serving on Staff Assembly is a great way to get involved with the larger university community, gain leadership experience, and ensure that your division has a voice in making Winthrop better for everyone. Nominees must have been employed at Winthrop on a full-time basis for one year prior to accepting a nomination to serve as a member of the Staff Assembly.

If you are interested in serving on Staff Assembly, or want to nominate a colleague from Athletics or Student Affairs, please e-mail the chair of the Elections & Nominations Committee at [stewartaj@winthrop.edu!](mailto:stewartaj@winthrop.edu)

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