

# Staff Stuff

## *Message from the Chair*

### TAYLOR DEGEN

Hello to the entire Winthrop community! I work in facilities as the university's set-up supervisor, where I deal with the majority of campus-wide events as well as facilitate any office/classroom moves. I also currently take classes part-time. I am a senior political science major with a hopeful 2025 graduation date!

I'm from Rock Hill, where I first attended South Pointe High School, though I spent several high school years and then early college years in Sewanee, Tennessee.

I'm an avid fan of most sports in general, but my favorite is soccer, having played throughout high school and one year of college ball. I also previously coached soccer at Rock Hill High School. I live close to campus with my wife and three huskies.

I'd like to give a shoutout to the current Staff Assembly members, including my Vice Chair Amanda Hackney, who have all helped me tremendously in getting a good start to the year in both Staff Assembly and Staff Conference. We are expecting a great academic year for the staff as we continue to do our utmost in bolstering and improving the university in all sorts of ways. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [staffassembly@winthrop.edu](mailto:staffassembly@winthrop.edu).  
Go Eagles!



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# Staff Out and About



**Left:** Several staff members volunteered to serve meals at the Bethel Men's Shelter in Rock Hill.

**Bottom Left:** Staff members volunteered to clean up areas on the Campus Green as part of 9/11 service. **Bottom Right:** The campus community gathered at the flagpole to pay tribute on the 23rd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



## *Spotlight on Staff Assembly: Lindsay Cook, nurse practitioner*

This is my third year working at Winthrop in the Center for Student Wellness. I'm one of the nurse practitioners providing care in Health Services. I received my BSN at Clemson University in 2009 and my MSN at the University of South Carolina in 2020.

I enjoy spending time with my awesome husband, John, and my two kids Addison (10) and Watson (6). We spend most of our time serving at our church, First Baptist Church Rock Hill, in the high school ministry and with our kids.

I'm a huge Clemson fan and love football, soccer, musicals, all things Disney, Taylor Swift, and our dog Chili (named after our favorite TV show "Bluey").



I love working in health services because of the students. When people are sick, they can be at their most vulnerable state, which can be very scary if away from home. I hope to provide a safe place for them so they can receive treatment and care as needed to get them back to achieving their successful college careers!

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# Welcome to Winthrop!



**Above:** New faculty/staff members participate in Welcome to Winthrop, an orientation program in which they meet and tour different areas of the campus. Here is the latest group!

## *New Hires:*

- \***Taya Andrews**, academic advisor
- \***Kirsten Auger**, finance and business affairs coordinator
- \***Keardo Banks**, custodial supervisor
- \***Kayla Burns**, learning technologist
- \***Gretchen Cibbarelli**, administrative assistant
- \***Blake Conner**, assistant controls technician

- \***Chela Davis**, residential success coordinator
- \***Dominique Duck**, director of women's basketball operations
- \***Mariah Dutchover**, assistant athletic trainer
- \***Taylor Evans**, residential success coordinator

## *(Continued) New Hires:*

- \* **Beverly Gilliam**, employee relations and benefits manager
- \* **Tonya Guest**, health services registered nurse
- \* **Jessica Harby**, ABC programs manager
- \* **Cody Hefner**, plumber
- \* **Jasmine Howze**, director of student services
- \* **Jack Hutto**, CARE project program manager
- \* **Melanie Justis**, learning technologist
- \* **Michelle Killion**, student advocacy trauma support counselor
- \* **Jennifer Lewis**, assistant vice president for fiscal services/controller
- \* **Kemble Lindsay**, painter
- \* **Anita McCulloch**, Eagle STEM program director
- \* **Mike McGuire**, head baseball coach
- \* **Marian Moorer**, program assistant
- \* **Michael Napolitano**, assistant baseball coach
- \* **Lourdes Ossers de Vasquez**, administrative specialist
- \* **Gary Peeples**, director of procurement and insurance
- \* **Isaac Pelletier**, assistant director of data support
- \* **Timothy Perry**, assistant baseball coach and recruiter
- \* **Deborah Pickens**, program assistant
- \* **Arthur Pinckney**, program facilitator
- \* **Amy Poff**, human resources office coordinator
- \* **Kenya Ratliff**, career coach
- \* **Mark Rogers**, controls technician
- \* **Montgomery Sanders**, associate head men's basketball coach
- \* **Carrie Simpson**, service program facilitator
- \* **Hannah Small**, administrative coordinator
- \* **Emily Sparrow**, administrative specialist
- \* **Brooke Teague**, event coordinator

## Upcoming Events

### **Halloween**

Thursday, Oct. 31  
All day  
Campus-wide

### **Faculty/Staff United Way Campaign**

Oct. 21-Nov. 1

### **Homecoming and Reunion**

Nov. 4-9  
Campus-wide

### **Staff Alumni Luncheon\***

Monday, Nov. 4  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Richardson  
Ballroom  
\*RSVP!

### **Staff Conference**

Thursday, Nov. 21  
2:30 p.m.  
Whitton Auditorium

### **More university events**

## *(Continued) New Hires:*

- \***Taylor Terwilliger**, athletic trainer
- \***Lauren Thomason**, Commencement and degree progress coordinator
- \***Sergio Trujillo**, police officer
- \***Michael Verde**, lead athletic trainer
- \***Michelle Wolf**, TRiO academic counselor
- \***Lily Wooters**, financial aid counselor

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

## Where Are WU?!

**Have you been looking for fellow staff members?** Wondering where some departments have relocated? Here's a few new locations:

**Center for Student Wellness -**  
Joynes Hall, 3rd floor

**Center for Career Development and Internships (CDI)**  
Bancroft Hall, 3rd floor; 312

**Alumni Association and the Winthrop Foundation:**  
Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center at the Stewart House



The Department of Institutional Effectiveness invites all faculty and staff to attend our next Student Success Partners: "Conversations about Winthrop Data," a 6-part series on using Winthrop data to support student success, on Wednesday Oct. 9, from 10-11:15 a.m. in DiGs 114. Our focus for this session is the S/U Study by Dr. Zach Abernathy.

Please consider attending, listening, participating, and taking actionable data back to your unit to support student success!



The Votes are in! **Hocus Pocus** is the most popular "Spooky" film and most of us like to watch them when we're in the right mood! Everyone had something they love about the Fall- mostly the chill in the air.