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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

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Name: Wanda Foushee

Job Title: Business Manager

Employee's Home Department: Aerospace & Ocean Engineering

Employee's College or VP Area: Engineering

Nominated For: Governor's Award for Innovation

Nominated By: Joseph A. Schetz, Fred D. Durham
Chair of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

Virginia Tech Hire Date: November 1, 1995



Summary

Ms. Foushee makes it her goal to see that each individual in the department has the tools needed to do the job efficiently, whether it's a plunger for the janitor or a research computer for a professor. She consistently goes well beyond the scope of her assigned duties in doing everything she can to foster the smooth and efficient operation of the department. All of her activities are performed with an extraordinary degree of courtesy and civility.

Ms. Foushee began work with the AOE Department as a Fiscal Technician and, through her skills and initiative, instituted many innovative procedures for the department's fiscal management, rising to the position of Business Manager. She performs all aspects of her job superbly with skill, efficiency, and resourcefulness. She routinely tries to foresee departmental problems and to find better ways to accomplish her tasks. When needed, she acts on behalf of the department head in fiscal matters, offering sound advice and suggestions on how to better manage the departmental budget. She is gifted with being able to see the big picture.

As part of her duties she must interact with undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, office staff, and shop staff and technicians. She treats them all with the same degree of respect and patience. This is really quite an accomplishment, since often times undergraduate and graduate students (and even faculty) are unfamiliar and frustrated with the intricacies of the state accounting and purchasing systems. She addresses all problems with patience and a smile, and goes far beyond what is required in showing students the proper procedures and adjudicating, on the student's behalf, any problems.

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