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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

September 5th, 2005

**Name:** Catherine L. Hill

**Job Title:** Graduate Program Advisor

**Employee's Home Department:** Mechanical Engineering

**Employee's College or VP Area:** Engineering

**Nominated For:** President's Award for Excellence

**Nominated By:** Harry Robertshaw, Dr. Elaine Scott, Dr. Karen Thole

**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** February 27, 1995



### Summary

As an example of Catherine L. Hill extraordinary work, she has organized the Graduate Student Recruiting Weekend (GSW) for five different departments in the engineering college for the past six years. This year, approximately 100 students came to campus on Friday, March 19, 2004 and left on Sunday, March 21, 2004. Catherine personally arranged the majority of the activities. The activities included: lunches and diners, a banquet with Dean Depauw, rooms reservation in Donaldson Brown, and the transportation of students from and to Roanoke Airport. Dr. Harry Robertshaw, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, affirms the following statement concerning Catherine involvement in the GSW, "Without Cathy's extraordinary effort to plan and carry out the weekend, we would not have been as successful."

Cathy is not only a recruiter, which is a year-round job with a seasonal peak in the Spring; she is also a program manager and coordinator for all 200 of the graduate students in Mechanical Engineering. Her work is evident in so many ways, especially in the progress of our graduate students. I know that many of the students have made their final decision to do their graduate work at Virginia Tech partly because of her efficient and caring support during their application and admission process.

All of this work is done with a smile and cheerful comments, even when facing unrealistic deadlines. Her performance exemplifies the best of what we can hope for in the staff at Virginia Tech.

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