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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

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Name: Brenda Husser

Job Title: Administrative and Support Specialist

Employee's Home Department: Department of Sociology

Employee's College or VP Area: College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Nominated For: Governor's Star Award

Nominated By: Dr. John Ryan, Department Head

Virginia Tech Hire Date: February 16, 1981



Summary

Brenda Husser has not only excelled at her work as an administrative and support specialist but also has been heavily involved in college and university governance and professional organizations.

In nominating her for the Governor's Star Award, Dr. John Ryan, sociology department head, said, "Ms. Husser is an employee who not only achieves continuous excellence but who also exhibits dedication to the mission of the university that goes far beyond her specific job duties." She manages the departmental office, supervises support staff, handles personnel actions for faculty and staff, budgets operating resources and schedules courses. Several years ago, she took over the department's undergraduate advising duties. Students praise her ability to help them negotiate their way through the curriculum and for her empathy and compassion in dealing with their problems.

She has served in both the university staff governance system and the former College of Arts and Sciences Staff Association, serving as chair in 1995-96, as co-chair in 1997-98 and again as chair in 1999-2000. She has gained additional leadership experience through the International Association of Administrative Professionals, including serving as President of the New River Valley chapter. In addition, she has achieved the statuses of Certified Professional Secretary and Certified Administrative Professional.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that Brenda is the heart and soul of this department. Her daily performance has been remarkably excellent. Without exception, her colleagues agree that Brenda has a significant and positive impact on this department," said Dr. Ryan.

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