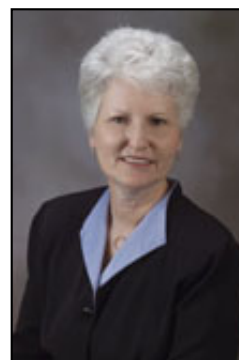


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Virginia Tech Staff Employees of the Week

September 17, 2007

Group Name: Patricia A. Baker
Job Title: Fiscal Technician
Employee's Home Department: Engineering Science & Mechanics
Employee's College or VP Area: College of Engineering
Nominated For: President's Award for Excellence and Governor's Award for Career Achievement
Nominated By: Ishwar K. Puri, Department Head
Virginia Tech Hire Date: October 1, 1978



Summary

Pat Baker is an exemplary member of the Engineering Science and Mechanics (ESM) Department and the university community.

While serving as Fiscal Technician, Pat has an extraordinary record of accuracy and timeliness in processing purchase orders, personal reimbursements, and invoices due to her diligent attention to detail. She used superior organizational and planning skills when she recently coordinated ESM's logistical reorganization. Pat's problem solving creativity came into play when she created floor plans, worked with vendors, and staff members to help redesign work spaces.

Pat is the department's resident expert in HokieMart. She was an original volunteer when the pilot program implementation commenced, and since has become an invaluable resource to department's faculty, staff, and students, as well providing assistance for other departments throughout the university.

Always eager to learn and assume additional responsibilities, Pat increased her skills with training from the Controller's office, Office of Sponsored Programs, took an Office Software Skills training program, and participated in the Office Manager's Development Group. Pat has coordinated events ranging from staff retreats to large conferences. Whenever there is a need for an extra set of hands or some valuable ideas for event planning, Pat always steps forward to volunteer.

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