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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

February 5, 2007

**Name:** Laura V. Coffey

**Job Title:** Lab and Research Specialist II

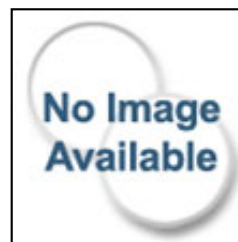
**Employee's Home Department:** Dairy Science

**Employee's College or VP Area:** Agriculture and Life Sciences

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

**Nominated By:** Dr. Mike Akers, Department Head

**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** February 14, 1995



### Summary

Ms. Laura Coffey undertook a major change in responsibilities when moving from a laboratory position to an extension associate position. This required new skills and training, which Laura acquired through enrolling in Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop, Desktop Publishing and Macromedia Breeze courses. Her efforts directly contributed to the Dairy Science Department being awarded USDA and State grants totaling more than \$1.2M. This effort involves four faculty, one graduate student, two field technicians, and four Dairy Extension Agents.

Laura coordinates the logistics of this enormous project with "diligence, patience, and skill." She has adapted to departmental changes in a positive way and has become technically trained to serve in multiple roles. She is a valued member of the team and displays exceptional professionalism, integrity, and a strong work ethic. She has clearly had an incredible impact on the Dairy Science Department and Cooperative Extension with her enthusiasm, talent, and commitment.

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