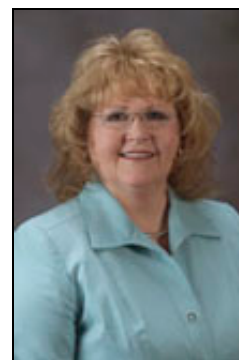




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Virginia Tech Staff Employees of the Week

September 10, 2007**Group Name:** Linda B. Fontaine**Job Title:** Administrative Assistant to the Chair and Office Manager**Employee's Home Department:** History**Employee's College or VP Area:** College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**Nominated For:** Governor's Star Award**Nominated By:** Daniel B. Thorp**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** November 21, 1988

Summary

For 18 years, Linda Fontaine has provided extraordinary service to Virginia Tech's Department of History. Whatever problems have arisen in that time, her help has been invaluable in responding to them. This has been evident throughout her eighteen years in the department, but it was especially so during the past year. First, the rising number of majors in our department necessitated a major redistribution of tasks within the department staff, and this required both creative office management and delicate diplomacy. It was a difficult but essential job, and Linda performed it splendidly. Then, an injury to our bookkeeper forced Linda into the role of bookkeeper in addition to her regular duties. It was an exhausting job for Linda and went far beyond her duties as Office Manager, but she performed it marvelously and helped to ensure that the History Department continued to function smoothly.

This was, perhaps, an unusual year, but the skill and dedication that Linda showed was not. It was typical of the service she has provided this department, college, and university for 27 years.

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