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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

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**Team Name:** Graduate Life Center Transition Team  
Classified Staff Team Members:

Tim Gift, Assoc. Dir. of Facilities Management,  
Residential Programs  
Erika Golart, Graduate Student Services  
Coordinator, Graduate School  
Margie Lawrence, Asst. Director for  
Housekeeping and Furnishings, Housing &  
Dining Services  
Chris Moore, Business Manager, Dining  
Services  
Scott Reed, Associate Director of University  
Unions, University Unions & Student Activities  
Jeremy Sippel, Information Technology  
Manager, Graduate School



**Contributing Departments:** Dining Programs,  
Graduate School, Residential Programs, University  
Unions & Student Activities, Division of Student Affairs  
**Nominated For:** Governor's Teamwork Award  
**Nominated By:** Karen P. DePauw, Vice Provost of  
Graduate Studies & Dean of the Graduate School

### Summary

One has to understand the unique and complex nature of the Graduate Life Center (GLC) to appreciate the hard work and dedication the Transition Team provided the graduate and university community. In one building, there is a variety of academic and student support facilities, residence hall rooms and the Graduate School itself. We are the only university in the country to have all of these facilities and services located together in one building.

Although there was some question of whether the GLC could open in one month, credit and congratulations must be given to the outstanding leadership, strong commitment, and sheer determination of the Transition Team that allowed for the facility to open successfully and on-time. Their perseverance and hard work made the GLC a success. Everyone worked together well in a cooperative, team-spirited way for the benefit of our graduate students and their community of 4,000.

While provided only a one month window, the team oversaw remodeling efforts, designed new policy, hired building staff, prepared to move in 100+ residents, and a myriad other tasks. The work they did went well above their duty to the university, including over-time in the evenings and weekends. Perhaps the greatest compliment to their dedication was observed when many of the new students didn't realize that it was a hotel just a month prior.

The GLC is the hub and centerpiece of the graduate community, which truly feels like a community due to the Transition Team's

efforts.

Faculty Team Members: • Monika Gibson, Director of Student Services, Graduate School • Alison Malloy, Complex Director, Student Programs

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