

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Robin Atkins**

**JOB TITLE:** Compliance & Conflict Resolution Program Specialist

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Office for Equity and Inclusion

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** Vice President for Equity and Inclusion

**NOMINATED FOR:** Staff Leadership Award

**NOMINATED BY:** Bonnie Alberts, Administrative Assistant

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** January 19, 1987



### **SUMMARY**

At a recent Staff Senate meeting, Robin sat quietly, listening attentively and making notes. As always, she was giving her full attention to the matters at hand, and it wasn't long before she spoke up to volunteer to lead another project. Robin often, and willingly, takes charge of the jobs that no one else wants, such as collecting and delivering donated jars of peanut butter to the local food pantry. However, not only does she take the lead with seemingly small tasks, she also heads up large staff committees at Virginia Tech. For ten years, she has led the Staff Diversity Development group, and she seamlessly manages meetings, supplies readings, and leads discussions. She works hard both retaining and recruiting members, encouraging employees to participate in order to fulfill their diversity requirement for annual evaluations. She also serves as a member of the Annual Staff Appreciation Day Committee, the James D. McComas Annual Staff Leadership Seminar, Kids Tech University, and is Staff Senator.

She is a relentless volunteer of VT-Engage. Since its inception, she has served 12 different organizations. Outside of VT, her community service includes: The American Heart Association; MS Walk; Relay for Life; Salvation Army; Eastern Elementary/Middle School and Blacksburg High School; Giles County Soccer Association. She is also a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Astoundingly, all of this is done by a mother with a full-time job who also attends school. This is but a summary of the leadership and dedication of Robin, who humbly serves our institution and its community.