

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Anne-Marie Bracken**

**JOB TITLE:** Office Manager

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Engineering Science and Mechanics

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** College of Engineering

**NOMINATED FOR:** President's Award for Excellence

**NOMINATED BY:** Ishwar K. Puri, Department Head, ESM

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** June 10, 2006



### **SUMMARY**

Since joining ESM in 2006, Anne-Marie Bracken has become an integral part of departmental operations. She assists the department head, is the in-house HR liaison; assists with faculty promotion and tenure processes; helps visiting scholars come to do research; liaisons with the ESM Advisory Board; serves on various committees; and supervises other staff.

Ms. Bracken believes that relationships and communication are important and treats others respectfully. She encourages positive interactions among all department members to build an inclusive and supportive community. She seeks others' input and is quick to laud and publicize their accomplishments.

Ms. Bracken coordinated an art exhibit including works from ESM faculty, staff, students, alumni, and family members, held in fall 2008.

As editor of the Happenings newsletter, she worked with a graphic artist on a special 100th anniversary issue. She showcased past contributors to ESM, and collaborated on an article, "Biomechanics: In the Past, Now and in the Future," with ESM faculty members.

Ms. Bracken lives her core value of being part of creating a global society through educational opportunities for all within the departmental involvement in international exchange programs. Ms. Bracken exhibits enthusiasm for diversity while interacting with our students, faculty, and welcoming international visitors.