

Staff Employee of the Week

Jackie Eaves

JOB TITLE: Housekeeping Supervisor Senior

HOME DEPARTMENT: Facilities Housekeeping Services

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: VP for Administrative Services

NOMINATED FOR: Staff Leadership Award

NOMINATED BY: Wyatt Sasser

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: July 9, 1984

SUMMARY

Jackie started with Housekeeping in 1984 and has worked her way up to Area Manager. She is responsible for 70 employees and 1.5 million square feet of academic space. Some of this space includes our more heavily used buildings such as McBryde, Derring, and Whittemore. While she is excellent in what is expected of her, it is the extra leadership she gives to the university and community that makes her unique. She is very involved with the Christiansburg Institute and has worked with university faculty and administrators as well as with a congressional member and community leaders. Currently she is the Alumni Association President and works on their fund raising events.

Jackie is a strong supporter of diversity. She was the first in her department to hire internationals. She also supported their efforts to learn English as a second language. She is a natural teacher of diversity because she is willing to discuss and educate those who are interested. She currently serves on the Administrative Services Diversity Council. To her, diversity is more than just about different cultures or people or color. She also never forgets those that may be less fortunate. Every year she organizes a food drive for the county food bank as well as collecting school supplies for the local children who are in need. She is sensitive to people with different religious beliefs and finds ways to include everyone in seasonal activities that will not offend anyone.

She is involved in different ways to support the university. She served as the Staff Association for Facilities Employees (S.A.F.E.) president, was a member of the President's Award of Excellence Committee, was involved with the university's restructuring efforts as a member of the Employee Advisory Committee. She recently was asked to sit on a panel to discuss diversity and inclusion. In summary, Jackie is a true leader.