

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Matt Gart**

**JOB TITLE:** Land Use Planner/Landscape Architect

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Office of the University Architect

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** VP for Administrative Services

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

**NOMINATED BY:** Z. Scott Hurst, Department Head

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** January 16, 1989



### **SUMMARY**

Matt is a dedicated and energetic professional who cares deeply about the quality of our campus. He has been involved in the planning of Virginia Tech's campus landscape for over 23 years. During that time, his contributions have significantly improved the quality of the campus and its aesthetic appeal. Matt has achieved much by working effectively with diverse stakeholders in a spirit of teamwork. Notably, Matt is working collaboratively with the University Arboretum Committee and university grounds personnel to create a more sustainable campus landscape. Following April 16, 2007, Matt worked tirelessly as a member of the physical memorial committee to design the memorial on the Drill Field, which captured the spirit of the spontaneous installation that students erected. He also has had a positive impact through landscape master planning, the development of campus landscape standards, the installation of public art, and implementing campus improvements as class gifts.