

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Jodie Kern-Bowen**

**JOB TITLE:** Coordinator of GLC Operations

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** University Unions & Student Activities

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** VP for Student Affairs

**NOMINATED FOR:** President's Award for Excellence and Governor's Star Award

**NOMINATED BY:** Scott Reed, Senior Associate Director for Operations & Services,  
University Unions & Student Activities

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** October 24, 2005



### **SUMMARY**

Jodie Kern-Bowen serves the university community as one of the top advocates and initiators for graduate student development and support. Through an overall passion for student success, strong work ethic, respect for graduate needs, and an always positive demeanor, she sets a great example of how Student Affairs supports student learning that impacts campus life. Serving as the Coordinator of Graduate Life Center Operations in the Graduate Life Center for over three years, she is exemplary in supporting graduate student recruitment, retention, workplace education, and advocacy. As the coordinator of operations for the Graduate Life Center, touted as a nation-wide model for graduate living-learning centers, she has set the standard in facility operations excellence, supervising a graduate student staff of over 20 employees. Building the university's only graduate wage program from the ground-up, she has engineered a near flawless training, mentoring, and development program. Jodie is also one of UUSA's most dedicated employees. Along with working on a master's degree in higher education, she has worked numerous late nights, weekends, and early mornings to support graduate students and the graduate community. Jodie also supports many UUSA committees and volunteers with the ACUI Region Five leadership team.