

Staff Employee of the Week

John Lawson

JOB TITLE: Network Engineering Manager

HOME DEPARTMENT: Telecommunications Auxiliary

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: VP for Information Technology

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence and Governor's Innovation Award

NOMINATED BY: Jeffrey Crowder, Program Director

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SUMMARY

Since 1985, John Lawson has provided exemplary support and service to the university through his work with Network Infrastructure and Services. Over the last decade, John has managed two Virginia Tech network programs with national prominence. As Operations Manager for NetworkVirginia, he has overseen engineering and operations for a statewide network program providing affordable internet access for over 1.4 million people at schools, health care providers, labs, and businesses in every community of Virginia. John's group provided direct support to customers of the network and also to telecommunications industry providers including Verizon and Sprint. Most recently, John has added responsibility for engineering and operation of the National LambdaRail Aggregation Facility located in the National Capitol Region. He operates one of the nation's premier research network hubs providing access to National LambdaRail, Internet2, federal research networks, and international networks for scientists, educators, and students throughout the mid-Atlantic region. John Lawson is regionally and nationally recognized for his outstanding technical competence, high standards of customer service, and professional dedication.