

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Christopher A. Lisanti**

**JOB TITLE:** Recreation Services Coordinator

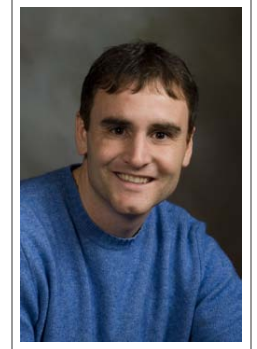
**HOME DEPARTMENT:** University Unions & Student Activities

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

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

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

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** January 13, 2004



### **SUMMARY**

Chris Lisanti serves the university community as one of the top advocates and initiators for outreach and community service. Through passion to help others, a kind heart, and an always positive demeanor, he sets a great example of how a state organization and employee can be a catalyst for supporting the local community. Serving as the Recreation Services Coordinator in Squires Student Center for 5 years, and as chair of the UUSA Community Service Committee in its initial year of existence, he has lead the department in sponsoring 40 children for the Prison Ministries Angel Tree Program, initiating a food drive for students and staff to support local food banks, and organizing a UUSA Relay for Life team for the first time. Chris has motivated departmental staff from multiple areas to work as a team in planning and coordinating these important community support activities. He is also individually a strong volunteer and service advocate, providing a meaningful work experience for a mentally disabled teen, worked with the faith-based organization "Beans & Rice," and volunteering to coach soccer for teens weekly. Chris Lisanti is recognized for his exemplary service and passion for serving others.