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JOB TITLE: Program Support Technician

HOME DEPARTMENT: Geosciences

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Science

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Carolyn S. Williams, Assistant to the Department Head, Geosciences

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SUMMARY

Mary McMurray has been with the Department of Geosciences since 1992. Her official title is Program Support Technician; however, she holds several unofficial titles. She is the Design and Copy Editor for the Department of Geosciences Magazine and is the staff representative for the Alumni Relations Committee (ARC). Representation and hard work on this committee is why Mrs. McMurray was nominated for the President's Award for Excellence.

In October of 2007, the Department of Geosciences at Virginia Tech celebrated its 100th anniversary. Planning for the biggest event in the history of the department, the centennial reunion and celebration, fell under the jurisdiction of ARC. After two years of planning and working through thousands of details, the end result was nothing short of spectacular. The "behind the scenes" person that made it all come together, for a memorable gathering of alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students, was Mary McMurray.

The goodwill, fond memories, and excellent publicity that were triggered by the centennial reunion and celebration will live on for a very long time in the Department of Geosciences at Virginia Tech thanks to a dedicated staff member, Mary McMurray.