

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **David R. Simmons**

**JOB TITLE:** Lab Instrument Supervisor

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Engineering Science & Mechanics

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** College of Engineering

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

**NOMINATED BY:** Paul K. Siburt, Administrative Officer, ESM

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** June 1, 1999

### **SUMMARY**

David R. Simmons, Lab Instrument Supervisor with ESM, is fully engaged with the Virginia Tech missions of learning, discovery, and outreach. He supports the ESM capstone undergraduate class, senior design, by assisting students as they create and fabricate their designs over an academic year, works with graduate students in helping fabricate their experiments. His service to students is selfless and motivated by a desire to make a positive and lasting impact. His services were exceptionally important after the tragic events of April 16, 2007, as he has been a critical member of the recovery and reoccupation team for Norris Hall after the tragedy. His first instinct after ESM was displaced from Norris was to serve students by helping to have their laboratories and our machine shop reopened. He was one of the first to reoccupy Norris Hall and served as a role model for others -faculty, staff, and students. Last year Dave received the College of Engineering Dean's award. He combines his compassionate nature with a practical component and always gets things done.