

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Becky Wade**

**JOB TITLE:** Large Animal Clinic Supervisor

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Large Animal Clinic

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** Veterinary Medicine

**NOMINATED FOR:** President's Award for Excellence

**NOMINATED BY:** Vanessa Walker, Large Animal Husbandry Supervisor

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** May 4, 1984

### **SUMMARY**

Becky has been a crucial instrument in the development and growth of the Large Animal Hospital at the VMRCVM since its doors opened in 1980. At the time of her hiring, Becky was everything. She performed the duties of husbandry, ICU, surgery, and anesthesia technicians. She played a critical role in the education of the first class of veterinary students to complete their rotations in the Large Animal Hospital. Graduates of the class of 1984 include Doctors Pierson, Pleasant, and Swecker, all of whom currently play critical roles at the VMRCVM. When the very first patient required overnight care in the hospital, it was Becky who stayed on a cot outside its stall to monitor and care for the horse through the overnight hours. Since that time Becky has played a vital role in changes to the physical and departmental structure of the hospital, and has been a role model and leader for her colleagues and staff. Her endless knowledge and experience has been fundamental to the functioning of the Large Animal Hospital.