

Staff Employee of the Week

Sandy Hancock

NAME: Sandy Hancock

JOB TITLE: Laboratory Specialist Senior

HOME DEPARTMENT: Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Veterinary Medicine

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Dr. Bernard Jortner

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: January 1, 1987



SUMMARY

Sandy was nominated for the President's Award for Excellence based primarily on her leadership in the college's Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Program. The federal GLP regulations are intended to assure integrity and quality of nonclinical laboratory studies that produce safety data for submission to regulatory consumer protection agencies. A necessary component defined by the regulations is the Quality Assurance Unit (QAU), which is tasked with the responsibility of inspecting and auditing GLP studies and the resulting data for compliance with the regulations. While most GLP studies are conducted by commercial laboratories, Virginia Tech and VMRCM has the capability to conduct these regulatory investigations largely due to Sandy's diligence in implementing and maintaining the GLP and QAU processes. Having become the primary resource in GLP at the university, Sandy has raised the national profile of Virginia Tech in this emerging area of academic research through membership in the Society of Quality Assurance (SQA). She is currently the chair of the SQA University Specialty Section and is one of few university SQA members with the credential of Registered Quality Assurance Professional in GLFs.