

Staff Employee of the Week

Jacob Waller

NAME: Jacob Waller

JOB TITLE: Laboratory Instrument maker

HOME DEPARTMENT: Biological Sciences

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Science

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

NOMINATED BY: Ignacio Moore

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: February 10, 1986



SUMMARY

Jacob is an expert equipment repair technician saving the department thousands of dollars each year by repairing rather than replacing equipment. He is responsible for maintaining equipment for one of the largest departments at Virginia Tech. He assumed a leadership position in helping move faculty and equipment into a new building, and his duties spread among multiple buildings which requires coordination, planning, and organization. He is a leader in maintaining safety standards and education within his department. He is an instructor in first aid and CPR and an advisor and instructor for the VT SCUBA club. He volunteers as a fire fighter with Craig County and has numerous certifications and volunteers 18-20 hours per week with the VT Rescue Squad. He was a first responder during the April 16, 2007 tragedy at Virginia Tech.