

# *Staff Employee of the Week*

## **Patrick Wolak**

**NAME:** Patrick Wolak

**JOB TITLE:** Assistant Barn Care Manager

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Equine Medical Ancillary

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** College of Veterinary Medicine

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

**NOMINATED BY:** Priscilla Blackburn

**VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE:** August 1, 2006



## **SUMMARY**

A 2004 Virginia Tech graduate, Patrick has consistently contributed time, energy, and creativity to the improved care of patients, the satisfaction of clients, and the appreciation of donors. Patrick has emerged as a leader and integral part of the staff team at the hospital. In addition to excelling in his position of record, Patrick willingly assumes additional duties in support of the larger organization – duties that often fall outside his routine responsibilities. Staff and clinicians alike have come to rely on Patrick's resourcefulness, professionalism, and willingness to help in any situation – from applied equine restraint, to changing a client's trailer flat tire, designing fencing enclosures and snow removal; from advance veterinary nursing care, to contract administration, product research, vendor monitoring, automating office functions, fleet management, facility repairs, suggestions to increase revenue generation, crowd management...the list goes on.

Patrick earned recognition among his peers at the EMC by being awarded the 2009 "Above and Beyond" award.