

Staff Employee of the Week

Mary Beth Lawton

NAME: Mary Beth Lawton

JOB TITLE: Fiscal Technician Sr.

HOME DEPARTMENT: School of Education

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Susan Magliaro

SUMMARY

Mary Beth, Fiscal Technician Senior, has excelled throughout her career at Virginia Tech. However, over the past 7 years in her role as budget manager for the School of Education, her expert knowledge of university fiscal policies and practices and budget management skills have enabled the School to be recognized as top producer of the most job-ready teachers, counselor, and administrators in the Commonwealth. The School is a leader in outreach to Virginia's P-12 public schools because she has created the capacity in our school to meet the schools' needs, by supporting essential projects and programs especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

On a daily basis, she demonstrates excellence because of her honesty, integrity, efficiency, and expertise. Her creative and innovative approaches to sound fiscal management enable faculty, staff, and administrators to be more productive, constructive, and collaborative. She revels in interesting problems and does not give up until she has identified at least two or three potential solutions for consideration. Administrators, faculty, and staff know this, and stand at her door for her wisdom, guidance, and instruction. The School simply could not operate without her.

