

Staff Employee of the Week

Jim Stroup

NAME: Jim Stroup

JOB TITLE: Photographer Sr.

HOME DEPARTMENT: University Relations

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: Vice President for Development

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Michael Kiernan



SUMMARY

Jim has worked on a couple of big research projects this past year with Joe Wheeler on the Lumenhaus Solar House and with Dennis Hong. His excellence is his outstanding consistency that he has shown throughout the year. Other contributions are his works with the Dining Halls and Deet's

Place for Katie Gehrt (Assistant Director of Communications & Marketing Dining Services), and Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Of all of our photo galleries, 'VTC Day One' has received the most total (3,713) and unique (2,890) views this past year since July. Magazine covers include Engineering Now, Phone Directory, iPhoto Book cover, and two VT Magazine covers; and then there are his self-generated campus images and photo illustrations.

Creative Services Manager and graphic designer Glenn Duncan has stated on several occasions he could not get the VT magazine out without Jim's help (especially with his photo illustrations) and also added that Jim is one of the most motivated and creative photographers he has ever worked with as a designer. Katie Gehrt, Assistant Director of Communications & Marketing Dining Services, praised Jim for all his help in organizing, getting student models, scouting, and setting up photo shoots for the Dining Hall and Deet's Place shoots.

Katie said, "Jim Stroup is such a joy to work with that I look forward to every opportunity. He always has new ideas to share and brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm to his work that spreads to those around him. I feel privileged to get to work with a professional of his caliber on a regular basis. In my observation, Jim Stroup's work has not only generated positive results for my department, but for the entire university. The image he portrays of

Virginia Tech is unique, fresh, and exciting. The work ethic and style he brings is collaborative, energetic, and inspiring. These are the reasons why Mr. Stroup is an ideal candidate for the President's Award for Excellence.”

To expand on his consistency he was named photographer of the year by the University Photographers' Association of America (UPAA). Stroup also won the Grand Award in Photography from District III of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE, as well as 3 Awards of Excellence and one Special Merit Award at its annual conference.