

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Tonya Pruitt**

**NAME:** Tonya Pruitt

**JOB TITLE:** LISA Administrative Specialist

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Statistics

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** College of Science

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

**NOMINATED BY:** Eric Vance

#### **SUMMARY**

In 2009, Tonya began providing administrative support part-time for LISA (Virginia Tech's Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis), which was created in 2008 to assist Virginia Tech researchers with statistical analyses. Very quickly Tonya's skills, responsibilities, and role within LISA grew, as did LISA itself. In 2011, LISA assisted 1046 Virginia Tech researchers by collaborating on 355 projects with researchers from 53 departments, providing statistical advice for 304 visitors to LISA Walk-in Consulting, and teaching 387 attendees how to apply statistics in their research during 19 short courses, all of which Tonya helped to organize and administer.

Tonya is an exceptional administrative specialist who is an asset to both the Department of Statistics and LISA. Her combination of organizational skills and sense of personal responsibility exemplify the qualities we all aspire to. She is able to anticipate challenges and frequently has solutions for problems before they even arise. Her contributions have made the Statistics Department a better place for all faculty, staff, and students, and her service is indispensable part of LISA's success.

