

Staff Employee of the Week

Tonya Pruitt

Tonya Pruitt has consistently performed to the highest standards of quality as the [Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis](#) Administrative Specialist since 2009. LISA was created in 2008 to assist Virginia Tech researchers with statistical analysis.

As LISA grew, so did Pruitt's skills, responsibilities, and roles within it. Pruitt is known by colleagues as a valuable asset because she is an employee who helps others, takes on activities without the need for motivation or guidance, and contributes to the statistics department with her personality and intelligence.

In 2012, LISA served 1,314 clients from 77 departments all over Virginia Tech, all of which Pruitt helped to organize and administer.

Her excellent work has stimulated the growth of LISA and has enabled and enhanced the research of over 1,000 Virginia Tech researchers annually, according to Eric Vance, assistant research professor. Pruitt is constantly devoted to improving LISA services and has also spearheaded a LISA video initiative to improve statistical collaboration of students and faculty.

Her responsibilities include providing statistical advice for visitors to LISA Walk-in Consulting and teaching attendees how to apply statistics in their research. She also runs a [blog](#) in which she shares the daily news and achievements of LISA with the community.

According to colleagues, Pruitt is an indispensable part of LISA's success.

"When I work with her, the process is easy, delightful and complete. She always goes beyond what is required... she helps others when she can, and when she can't, she takes the time to learn how," said Leanna House, assistant professor.

