

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Glen Acord**

Glen Acord, instrumentation and electrical supervisor for Facilities Services, came to Virginia Tech Power Plant Operations in 1993 after four years of service in the United States Navy. He was promoted to his current position in 2009, where he is now known by his colleagues to be a key player in plant operation modernization. Before his promotion, Acord held positions as plant operator, operations shift supervisor, and instrumentation mechanic. "Acord exhibits great intelligence, diligence, honesty, and encouraging enthusiasm on a daily basis," said Billy Dudding, plant maintenance manager. "He is an extraordinary leader who puts 100 percent into everything he does." Acord's colleagues credit him with the recent increase in the plant's overall efficiency after he successfully commissioned two new projects that are expected to save the university \$340,000 dollars annually. Remarkably, he also implemented the new systems without any interruptions to steam service to the campus, ensuring the continuous operations of services across campus to students, faculty, and staff. In addition to his exceptional performance at work, Acord enrolled in New River Community College in 2000 and received his associate degree for applied science in instrumentation technology. "Acord is a take-charge person who exhibits many qualities that are essential to the Virginia Tech community," said Dudding. "He is an outstanding example for all to follow."

