

Staff Employee of the Week

Mary Hunter

Mary Hunter, fiscal director for the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is known by her colleagues for her helpful advice, expertise, and experience with various university systems and procedures. In addition to her dedication to the College of Engineering, she is frequently involved in countless projects across campus.

"To say that Mary's contributions, work ethic, and leadership with the department have been exceptional for many years would be an enormous understatement," said W. Samuel Easterling, the Montague–Betts Professor of Structural Steel Design and department head. "What sets her apart is the breadth of support across multiple units within Virginia Tech over many years, and the other characteristic that stands out is the level of leadership and guidance she regularly provides."



As a Virginia Tech employee for more than 30 years, Hunter has been involved in projects including grant and contract administration, purchasing, and the management of funding faculty salaries from various sources during the academic year and summer. She also aided in the development of a departmental financial system called DEPART, that has been widely adopted across the university.

"Hunter separates herself from other fiscal administrators at the university by the senior administration's reliance on her expertise as it develops and implements new financial systems," said Rodd Hall, senior associate director at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. "She is almost always among the first to be called upon to test ideas for new systems, and then usually pilots systems once implementation begins. Her work has been exemplary and vital to the university's success."