

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Diane Walker-Green**

**Diane Walker-Green** serves as both an undergraduate program director for the [Department of Physics](#), and a role model to her students and colleagues. Affectionately referred to by her students as the “undergraduate mom,” they feel that Walker-Green can always be depended upon to provide an ear to listen, a helping hand, and a smile in any situation.

“Throughout her career, Walker-Green has been the support structure for the undergraduate physics majors and faculty in their daily interactions with students and in teaching,” said John Simonetti, associate chair of physics. “She is completely dedicated to advancing the physics department and ensuring that every single physics major is receiving the best education possible. She makes the physics department not just a part of the college, but a home.”

Walker-Green received the College of Science Diversity Award for 2010-11 for her dedication to fostering a welcoming, helpful environment for students in the Department of Physics, as well as for her efforts in recruiting underrepresented students. She also created a program entitled “A Day in the Life of a Physics Major,” allowing high school and transfer students the opportunity to attend actual physics classes, meet with faculty, and have lunch with current undergraduate students.

“She always goes above and beyond her role as advisor to make sure students feel comfortable coming to her with any variety of problems.” said Betty Wilkins, program support technician. “Walker-Green strives to give her students the best college experience possible, starting before they even step foot on campus.”

