

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Vickie Martin**

Over the span of her 40 year career at Virginia Tech, **Vickie Martin**, fiscal technician for the School of Education, has become known by her colleagues to provide impeccable service to faculty and staff across the university.

In 2005, the Office of Educational Research and Outreach established to support the administration of the School of Education's external grants and contracts and selected Martin to create the system and later administer it. As a result, the office has expanded its grant portfolio for the School of Education from \$7 million to over \$15 million since its inception.



"It is certain that Martin's efforts in supporting the post-award process have directly impacted the substantial growth in external revenue for the school," said Barbara Lockee, professor and associate director for the School of Education. "While she ensures strict compliance with all necessary regulations, she is also unique in her ability to help researchers figure out how to accomplish project-related tasks that may seem impossible at first glance."

In addition to her regular duties, Martin has assisted with budget and planning for groups of educators and administrators to travel abroad over the past 20 years. Her colleagues admire her abilities with regard to complex currency conversions and international budget development.

"Martin's support of our global endeavors in the School of Education is essential for our productivity in the international arena and her knowledge of budget planning and management is unparalleled. While it may be clear that she possesses tremendous capabilities from her years of experience in fiscal administration, she is also a dedicated life-long learner, constantly seeking opportunities to learn more about different aspects of her job so that she can perform as effectively as possible."