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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

April 17, 2006

Name: Rhonda M. Rogers

Job Title: Administrative Associate

Employee's Home Department: Student Programs

Employee's College or VP Area: Student Affairs

Nominated For: President's Award for Excellence

Nominated By: Edward F.D. Spencer, Assoc. VP for Student Affairs

Virginia Tech Hire Date: June 19, 1973



Summary

According to Rhonda's supervisor and department head, Ed Spencer, the most compelling reason for her nomination for the President's Award for Excellence is her "exemplary performance and involvement beyond the call of duty." She is a "model" employee in the way she has continuously sought opportunities to enhance her skills through numerous training and development classes. Two of the major roles in her position have been to coordinate the Team Hokies Project at check-in time every year, and to coordinate the Commencement Housing program at the close of the year. Dr. Spencer writes "the volume of both of these projects is prodigious and so is Rhonda's enthusiasm and task-orientation for them."

Rhonda has also represented the University externally in a significant way by serving three times on the Search Committee for an Administrative Assistant to Blacksburg's Chief of Police (chairing the most recent search). Chief of Police William Brown wrote that Rhonda's "knowledge, skill, and ability have been second to none in every aspect of the selection process." The Chief continued that he "could not have received any greater quality of service from a paid consultant for the services she rendered." She also participates in numerous other community activities such as being involved in (and a past president of) the NRV Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, speaking to high school students on career day, working with the Montgomery County Fair presentations, and has served as secretary for the local branch of the NAACP.

Gerard Kowalski, Director of Residence Life, describes Rhonda as having an "efficient and straightforward style, as well as a well-grounded sense of humor." He also describes her as a friend who is always willing to oblige a request "with a smile."

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