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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

**January 30, 2006****Name:** Barbara Kathy French**Job Title:** Program Support (Admin & Office Spec III)**Employee's Home Department:** Police**Employee's College or VP Area:** VP for Business Affairs**Nominated For:** President's Award for Excellence**Nominated By:** Debra C. Duncan**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** January 16, 1976

### Summary

Kathy French hires and assists in the supervision of personnel in the University Services Program Support Division Program, which includes campus watch guards, Safe Ride personnel, dorm patrol officers, and building guards. She assists in coordinating the retirement and social functions for the department and participates in fundraising efforts for the Virginia Special Olympics and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign.

Ms. French is very friendly, caring, and compassionate. She has a wonderful, pleasant, and easy-going personality with everyone in the department and the whole University. The student employees that she supervises find her most professional in her working relationships with them. She is very courteous and has wonderful work ethics that she passes on to the student employees. She helps find replacements for those who are unable to work their shifts, and makes their job a little easier while they are going to school. Even after these students receive their degrees and leave the University, they keep in contact with her.

Ms. French is responsible and dedicated in performing her job duties. She processes payroll for her employees so they are paid correctly and in a timely manner. She goes above and beyond her duties at work by making people feel comfortable during holidays and sickness. As stated in one of her reference letters, respect has to be earned and Ms. French is very respected in her department

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