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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

**May 1, 2006****Name:** Sam Camden**Job Title:** Associate Director of Human Resources**Employee's Home Department:** Student Programs**Employee's College or VP Area:** Student Affairs**Nominated For:** Governor's Award for Community Service and Volunteerism**Nominated By:** Christy Porterfield**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** June 6, 1997

### Summary

Sam Camden is dedicated to a strong and knowledgeable workforce. One of the ways he has shown this dedication is through his commitment to the GED training program for employees who have not completed their high school diploma. He established the first GED program in the private industry for his employees early in his career while in North Carolina. He has challenged supervisors to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of employees by encouraging certification in various programs. These certifications include trade certification and supervisory leadership development certification. His dedication is an excellent example of the governor's initiatives for the education for a lifetime campaign.

Mr. Camden is a member of the University's CommonHealth Steering Committee. He is a prime example of a dedicated member of the Healthy Virginians' programs, where one of his activities is providing flu shots to employees. He also encourages employees to attend CommonHealth programs.

Through his affiliation with the Partners for Self Sufficiency, Mr. Camden is dedicated to improving and providing a safe and friendly milieu for disadvantaged workers in Southwest Virginia. He was instrumental in the development of an internship program with Virginia Tech to employ individuals from the Welfare-To-Work program, disabled and disadvantaged workers, and others who could not obtain employment because of daily challenges. His efforts earned him the Employer of the Year award in 2004.

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