Patriot Award

Judy Lilly and CNS were recognized with the Patriot Award for employer support of the guard and reserve. Ron Keller, First Sergeant (1SG) of the West Virginia Army National Guard and Robert Roberts, Staff Sergeant (SSG), United States Army Reserve, nominated Judy Lilly. The award given through the Defense Department’s Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program, recognizes employers who go above and beyond what the law requires in providing support to their employees called to active duty.

In addition to the festive decorations at the Inn and the food and camaraderie at the reception, the event will also feature the drawing for the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign IT fund-raiser. For more information on the holiday basket to be raffled, see your unit or building coordinator.
Information Technology supported Virginia Tech’s presence at SC|07: The International Conference on High-Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analytics. The conference attracts over 10,000 attendees. The university’s booth was visited by many of the attendees to see the high-visibility projects by Virginia Tech researchers. For more information, see these sites:

  - www.hpcwire.com/hpc/1881238.html
  - www.hpcwire.com/hpc/1896596.html
  - www.newwise.com/articles/view/535270/

### SANS workshops

The March SANS workshops will be held between March 3 and 8. Registration is available at www.cpe.vt.edu/isect. The registration fee for all is $700.

The courses offered are:

- March 3-4—Audit 521: Meeting the Minimum Standard for Protecting Credit Card and Other Private Information PCI CISP: The Visa Digital Dozen (Randy Marchany)
- March 5—Security 514: Advanced Network Worm and Bot Analysis - Hands On (Mike Poor)
- March 6—Security 531: Windows Command-Line Kung Fu In-Depth for Info Sec Pros (Ed Skoudis)

### Graduate Education Development Institute

GEDI’s workshop in computational science for the coming spring semester will include an exploration of the use of Diffpack as it applies to graduate student research projects. Diffpack is a simulation software newly available to interested faculty and graduate students through Software Distribution at http://network.software.vt.edu. Last spring, GEDI offered a two-credit graduate workshop taught by Dr. James Turner, Dr. Nicolas Polys, and Dr. Cal Ribbens. The workshop focused on broadening graduate student research application of simulation, visualization, and parallel computing across the disciplines in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This spring, Dr. Turner is working closely with pilot departments to explore integration of simulation software into the curricula.