**Computerworld’s Honors Program award**

Computerworld’s Honors Program celebrates visionary applications of information technology moving businesses forward and benefiting society. 4-VA has been named as one of the recipients in the category of “Collaboration. 4-VA is a consortium of four universities—George Mason University, James Madison University, the University of Virginia, plus Virginia Tech—based on an initial gift from Cisco. 4-VA creates a collaborative environment where the four universities work together on learning and research. For more on 4-VA, see www.4-va.org.

The Computerworld Honors Program is governed by the not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. Computerworld Honors is a global program to honor individuals and organizations that use information technology to promote positive social, economic, and educational change. This year’s full list of laureates is published at [http://events.computerworld.com/ehome/49069/83917/](http://events.computerworld.com/ehome/49069/83917/).

**Decentralizing opscans**

Testing and Data Services (TDS), a unit of Learning Technologies, is moving forward to decentralize opscan grading on the Blacksburg campus. During the Fall 2012 semester, TDS successfully beta-tested the DataLink 3000 opscan scanner in several departments. This spring, scanners are being rolled out to strategic locations on campus where instructors and staff will have the ability to scan and score their own opscan tests.

Benefits of the new system build on several features: convenient, accessible scanning locations; immediate results and rescores; free and easy to use software; increased control over scoring with multiple correct answers and multifarious point values; Mac and Windows compatibility; hardware redundancy; and Scholar compatibility.

Visit [www.tds.vt.edu/pages/datalink.html](http://www.tds.vt.edu/pages/datalink.html).

The Strategic Plan for Information Technology, 2012-2018, is available in Version 1.0 for your review. Please channel comments through your supervisor(s). See the IT webpage ([www.it.vt.edu/publications](http://www.it.vt.edu/publications)).
Service recognition

The individuals below are being recognized for their service to Virginia Tech. The recognition program lists individuals every five years, starting at the tenth year.

35 years
Susan Brooker-Gross, Administration and Planning
Jean Plymale, Converged Technologies for Security, Safety, and Resilience
Roy Vickers, Network Infrastructure and Services

30 years
Patrick Forbes, Network Infrastructure and Services
Doug Jones, Network Infrastructure and Services
Joe Kelley, Enterprise Systems
Greg Kroll, Administration and Planning
Robert Rankin, Network Infrastructure and Services

25 years
Stuart Broome, Network Infrastructure and Services
Trish Cregger, Enterprise Systems
Kimberley Homer, Network Infrastructure and Services
Wayne Kemp, Network Infrastructure and Services
Diane Whitlock, Network Infrastructure and Services
Dewey Williams, Network Infrastructure and Services
Myrtle Yopp, Network Infrastructure and Services

20 years
Ted Leinhardt, Network Infrastructure and Services
Pat Rodgers, Network Infrastructure and Services

15 years
Jeffrey Bolling, Network Infrastructure and Services
Sean Gillespie, Network Infrastructure and Services
Matthew Harris, Network Infrastructure and Services
Joe Hutson, Network Infrastructure and Services
Hank Ingram, Enterprise Systems
Ron Keller, Network Infrastructure and Services
Mathew Mathai, Network Infrastructure and Services
Mark McClafferty, Enterprise Systems
Kimbra Melton, Network Infrastructure and Services
Jeffery Mitchell, Learning Technologies
Brian Myers, Learning Technologies
Nancy Parks-Brisendine, Information Technology Acquisitions
Robin Reynolds, Network Infrastructure and Services

10 years
Michael Anderson, Enterprise Systems
Jamie Boggs, Administration and Planning
Stephen Carpenter, Enterprise Systems
Shelli Fowler, Learning Technologies
Douglas Whorley, Network Infrastructure and Services
John Wonderley, Network Infrastructure and Services
Danny Wright, Network Infrastructure and Services

DCSS is coming—April 25!

Information Technology is hosting a SANS Institute training course, SEC 505 "Securing Windows and Resisting Malware" with Jason Fossen, May 20 through 25.

The course has been updated to include Windows 8 and the latest Windows Server releases. The class will be available in a live online format. Registration information is available at http://www.cpe.vt.edu/isect. May 13 is the deadline.