CVC Award

Information Technology was recognized at the awards ceremony for the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign on March 19, 2008. IT received one of the “Significant achievements” awards for increased employee participation.

Security reminders

The IT Security Office continues to update the tools to find Social Security numbers and credit card numbers. By running these tools periodically, you can uncover and remove or secure these elements of sensitive, personal information. See www.security.vt.edu.

Rural broadband

eCorridors is hosting the first of a series of Federal Communications Commission/US Department of Agriculture workshops on rural broadband service. The workshops provide an opportunity for communities that seek to bring the benefits of broadband to their localities to learn about the resources, programs, and policies of these two federal agencies. Topics to be covered at the workshops include: the different technology platforms used to provide broadband services, USDA funding for broadband deployment, the FCC’s Rural Health Care Pilot program, and wireless spectrum access. The offer an opportunity to share experiences about broadband deployment in rural and hard-to-reach areas. The Blacksburg workshop is being held April 30 in Squires. Over 130 individuals have already registered. http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/index.htm?job=workshop

VT CAVE

The Immersive Virtual Reality Theater’s long history of outreach and education continued with visits from Montgomery County students. The Student Congress of Montgomery County Public Schools visited the VT CAVE in February.

As one of the first four-sided stereo projection facilities in higher education, the VT CAVE is still unique, having a motion platform built into the floor. When students visit, they see explore space, structures, and patterns in an intuitive way. From civil engineering and architecture to chemistry, bioinformatics to geospatial surveys, a variety of domains and demos are shown.
Service recognition

Individuals recognized for service to Virginia Tech (ending March 31, 2008) include:

**eCorridors**
30 years of service
Jean Plymale

**Enterprise Systems**
10 years of service
Hank Ingram
Mark McClafferty
Jay Smith
Linda Wright
20 years of service
Trish Cregger
Brian MacInnis
Vanessa Williams
25 years of service
Joseph Kelley

**Information Technology Acquisition**
10 years of service
Nancy Parks-Brisendine

**Learning Technologies**
10 years of service
Edward McPherson
Brian Myers
Eddie Watson
20 years of service
Jeffrey Bolling
Shelly Dirico
Sean Gillespie
Matthew Harris
Joe Hutson
Ronald Keller
David Martin
Kimbra Melton
Trisha Ratcliff
Robin Reynolds
15 years of service
Ted Leinhardt
Linda Painter
Patricia Rodgers
20 years of service
Jenny Akers
Stuart Broome
Tommy Fisher
Paul Kemp
Diane Whitlock
Dewey Williams
Myrtle Yopp
25 years of service
J.P. Forbes
Bill Huff
Doug Jones
Robert Rankin
30 years of service
David Cherry
Roy Vickers
Luke Ward

**Secure Enterprise Technology Initiatives**
20 years of service
Kimberley Homer

**Office of the Vice President**
10 years of service
Jeb Stewart
25 years of service
Greg Kroll
Robert Robinette
30 years of service
Erv Blythe
Susan Brooker-Gross

“Learners 2.0? IT and 21st-Century Learners in Higher Education” by Anne H. Moore, Shelli B. Fowler, Brent Jesiek, John F. Moore, and C. Edward Watson has been published by the Education Center for Applied Research (ECAR). The paper explores institutional responsibilities to create opportunities for engaging learners in creative discovery, problem definition, and appropriate use of information technologies.