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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. They 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.



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

30 years of service

Gary Worley

Network Infrastructure and Services

10 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

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“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.