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Vann-Hickok Earns Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award



Dean Bob Moser presents Regina Vann-Hickok with the 2006 Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award.

H&CS Academic Program Associate **Regina Vann-Hickok** earned the 2006 Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award for providing outstanding service to the faculty, staff and students of the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Vann-Hickok was honored during the [CFAES Staff Advisory Council](#) (SAC) annual luncheon which was held in the Fawcett Center on October 12, 2006. **Dean Bob Moser** highlighted Vann-Hickok's contributions to the Horticulture & Crop Science programs, thanked her for enhancing the quality of work-life in the college and presented her with a plaque. Graduate Studies chair **JC Jang** and former Graduate Studies chair **Steve St. Martin** nominated and wrote support letter for Vann-Hickok. They both attended the luncheon, as did H&CS Interim Chair **Mark Bennett**.

"Regina contributes substantially to the quality of departmental life through her skills, energy, attitude, and imagination," explains Professor St. Martin. "Regina's extensive responsibilities indicate that she can be entrusted to represent a diverse constituency, and that she not only has good ideas but also knows how to implement them. She gets satisfaction from helping others, and her constructive attitude has

brightened days during both good times and bad. We are fortunate in having someone as caring, energetic, positive, and capable as Regina in our department."



JC Jang, Steve St. Martin, and Mark Bennett celebrate Regina Vann-Hickok earning the Brooks-Jones Award.

Established in 2002, the Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award recognizes CFAES staff members who excel in providing outstanding and ongoing excellence in services to faculty, staff, students through communication, fairness, problem solving and contributions to the common good. The award honors longtime staff member Shirley Brooks-Jones, who served CFAES for 35 years. During her tenure, Shirley was very active in many college events, served on over 20 university committees and was known for outstanding service and making a significant difference for colleagues and customers. Shirley is recognized as the epitome of excellence and is a role model to countless staff, faculty and students.

An integral part of H&CS since 1995, Vann-Hickok works closely with faculty chairs to manage the administration of both the Graduate Studies program and the Academic Affairs Committee. She provides a vital role between students, faculty and university administration. Her responsibilities include managing the graduate studies budget, travel grants, course schedule, and student files, organizing meetings, and handling communications with faculty and prospective graduate students. Regina assists with recruiting and spearheads our applicant submission for graduate student funding competitions. She administers annual progress reports for graduate students and the student evaluation forms for teaching faculty. She also developed and

maintains a centralized student information database, analyzes data and prepares various department reports.

"Regina provides outstanding services to our faculty, staff and departmental students. She is a day-to-day problem-solver for many students, both undergraduate and graduate," notes Dr. St. Martin. "She is largely self-directed and has introduced her own innovations to the benefit of both committees' work. When I was Graduate Studies Committee Chair, I was grateful for her good judgment and advice - always given tactfully."

A former member of SAC and the CFAES Guiding Coalition, Regina is an active member of the college community. During her six year tenure on SAC she participated in seven task forces and chaired the Council's Employee Rewards Task Force, which developed a proposal for a college rewards system.



In addition to her program responsibilities, Regina Vann-Hickok organizes the annual fall "Welcome Back Cookout".

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