

UMES Employee of the Month: Virginia Heath

Congratulations to **Virginia Heath**, the first to be recognized as UMES' Employee of the Month for the month of May.

Under the leadership of President Heidi M. Anderson, this new program aims to recognize employees in one, or more, of the following categories: Exceptional Contribution to the Institution and/or Unit to Which Employee Belongs, Outstanding Service to Students, Extraordinary Public Service to the University or Greater Community, Effectiveness and Efficiency, and Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and/or Social Justice. The employee of the month receives a one-time monetary bonus, a certificate signed by the president, his/her photo on the wall, and is automatically entered to win Employee of the Year.

Since 2014, Heath has been the administrative assistant in the Department of Engineering and Aviation Sciences.

She was nominated in the category of "outstanding service to students" and her nomination package came with letters from the Dept. Chair, a faculty member and 10 students. She was hailed as going above and beyond for students, including being available to ensure students had access to the labs and materials needed for their projects despite the threat of COVID-19. She also enlisted the help of her church community by getting necktie donations for the students to look professional during their participation in a conference held on campus.

