

SEAC announces Ziptastic winner for July

Please congratulate **Kimberly Stone**, the Staff Employee Advisory Committee Ziptastic Award winner for July. She is an administrative assistant in the Department of Civil Engineering, where she has worked for 15 of her 19 years here.



"Working with the students is what I enjoy," says Stone. "My goal has always been to help our students in any way I can so they can be successful engineers." (Pictured above with **Kimberly Stone**, holding certificate, are, from left, nominators **Heidi Cressman** and **Lone East**, and **Dr. John Green**, interim president.)

She also works with the Committee for the Future of Civil Engineering, a group of civil engineering alumni with a mission to help our students with scholarships and assist student teams with funding for travel to their competitions.

Stone received many nominations, including one submitted by **Lone East**, administrative coordinator of polymers and research.

"Kim is a wealth of knowledge and experience and freely shares that knowledge and guides any one in need," wrote Lone. "She has successfully trained multiple assistants and student assistants, which is quite the additional task in a busy department. Kim supports the department chair, faculty, undergrads and graduate students. Long after they have graduated, our alumni update her on their careers, marriages and progress of raising their children.

"From a University point of view, and me personally, Kim works hard every day to support the University as a whole by giving 100 percent of her ability and heart," Lone continues. "She has been a pillar for me more times than I can count. "She is that phone number I can call, or that email I can send to someone who is willing to guide me, or tell me where to look when I'm stuck."

Heidi Cressman, director of Women in Engineering, another nominator, says she has observed Stone many times sitting at her desk as one person after another demands her time.

"She works in a cloud of patience, never speaking harshly to a student and always being helpful," says Cressman. "Her depth of knowledge about systems in the University is incredible, which is why so many

administrative assistants are trained in her office and then move on to higher paying positions around campus.”