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NERDC is proud to announce our first winner of a state productivity award! Barb Sedesse, NERDC systems programmer and ISIS technical coordinator, along with eight employees from the UF Office of the University Registrar (O.U.R.) and Academic Affairs, won the prestigious Davis Productivity Award for launching ISIS, the Integrated Student Information System. ISIS is a UF-written application that gives students unprecedented ability to transact university business via the World Wide Web.

"I think it's great that the ISIS development team was recognized. It was a very complicated project, executed on a very tight schedule," Sedesse said.

The Davis award was announced Sept. 15. The eight other members of the ISIS project team are: Associate University Registrar Steve Pritz, Associate University Registrar Earl Robbins, Coordinator of Computer Applications Alan Cook, Senior Computer Programmer Analyst Tom Britton, Coordinator of Admissions/Registration Diana Hull, and Computer Programmer Analyst Manager Cindy King, all from the O.U.R.; and from the Office of Academic Affairs, Coordinator of Computer Applications Mark Palmer, and Administrative Assistant Judy Bowen. A $600 cash award will be split among the group nine ways.

"The Davis Productivity Awards are presented annually to honor and reward those individuals and work units in Florida state government who have significantly increased productivity in delivering state services and products," according to Gerald Schaffer, UF Vice President for Administrative Affairs. "This program provides cash awards to state employees who have demonstrated exemplary performance or whose creativity has led to new cost-saving approaches to university or governmental problems."

Sedesse worked closely with the O.U.R. team to install the software necessary for ISIS, and continues to maintain the fast-growing system.

"We (NERDC) offered the environment to host the machines and maintain the software. We've got the 24/7 operations and security for it," she said. "It's getting to be a big project. We started with four machines and we're up to eight within a year. There are now five Edify systems in use -- three for ISIS production services, and two for development and testing. Three others
servers are doing related tasks." The Edify servers communicate between the Web servers at NERDC and the CICS applications which access student data. The award is made possible by Florida TaxWatch (founded by J.E. Davis and A.D. Davis, cofounders of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.).

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