GARRETT PRESENTED NASA PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

Debbie M. Garrett was awarded a NASA Public Service Medal March 27 at the Honor Awards Ceremony at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

She received the award "for exceptional service in the engineering modeling and computer science support of critical and unique research facilities at Langley Research Center."

Garrett began her Langley career in 1979 as a programmer/analyst for Computer Sciences Corp. She spent eight years with CSC before moving to the Planning Research Corp. as a scientific applications programmer/analyst. Since 1991 she has served as a programmer/analyst IV for Sverdrup Technology, Inc., where she maintains and updates mathematical model simulation of the 8-Foot-High Temperature Tunnel; provides simulation output; interacts with tunnel personnel in producing test data; aids engineering in the evaluation and interpretation of data; documents developed programs; provides training and assistance for division personnel in the use of hardware and software for developed systems; recommends appropriate hardware and software to accomplish division goals; and provides support to administrative systems and users. Her specialized fields of work are computer science and engineering modeling and graphics.
Garrett is a member of the National Technical Association and the Association for Computing Machinery.

A native of Newport News, Va., she graduated from Menchville High School there in 1976 as a member of the Honor Roll in both her junior and senior years. She received an associate of applied science degree in data processing technology from Thomas Nelson Community College in 1979 and a bachelor of science degree in information science from Christopher Newport College in 1984. She received a master of business administration degree in information systems from Golden Gate University in 1991, graduating with a 3.87 grade point average.