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Verne is a Lead Systems Programmer at WVNET. Verne graduated from Purdue University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He joined us in September 1985 and since then provided more than 36 years of service to the improvement of computational infrastructure for educational institutions in West Virginia. He is responsible for Linux system management, creating virtual machines in a VMware environment, maintaining our public DNS servers, and provides webhosting consulting services to all of our WVNET clients. Verne cherishes his early days when he worked with his mentor the late George Cook with whom he co-managed the WVNET DEC OpenVMS Cluster and ran the equipment continuously for 18 years without even a minute of downtime. As part of the initial deployment of Banner in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Verne and co-workers visited the majority of campuses across West Virginia to set up DEC VaxServers running OpenVMS to locally run Banner and later upgrading campuses to 64bit AlphaServers from DEC. Verne has served as the WVNET representative to the Advisory Council of Classified Staff (ACCE) since 2002. ACCE is a state-wide higher education committee comprised of the 23 public colleges and universities in West Virginia that addresses the concerns of higher education employees, matters of institutional policies, legislative and executive branches of state government.

Thank you, Verne, for everything you do to improve the educational infrastructure in our Mountain State!