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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

April 3, 2006

Name: Sherry D. Terry

Job Title: Administration and Program Specialist III Employee's Home Department: Human Nutrition,

Foods, and Exercise

Employee's College or VP Area: College of

Agriculture and Life Sciences

Nominated For: President's Award for Excellence Nominated By: Dr. Gerald L. Jubb, Jr., Interim

Department Head

Virginia Tech Hire Date: July 1, 1965



Summary

According to her department head, Gerald Jubb, Sherry Terry is the "super glue" that held her department together during a trying year of major administrative changes and challenges. He says that she always works above and beyond the call of duty, while "keeping spirits at a high productive level across the unit." Frank Conforti, Associate Professor in HNFE, has known Sherry from the time he was a graduate student in the department almost 20 years ago to his current position as a faculty member in the department. He say Sherry has "remained a stalwart figure in the department" during years of several department head changes and even a name change for the department. He continues "she is the axle that supports her staff and the daily events that take place in the HNFE office."

Every letter written in support of Terry for this award mentions the word "mom" when referring to her relationship with the students in the department. Jubb says "she is a coach, a problem-solver, and a 'Mom' for many of these young people." He says that it is amazing how she gets the quantity of work accomplished that she does, given that she graciously gives in so many ways to all personnel in the department. "There hardly seems to be a time when someone isn't in her office."

Michael E. Houston, past department head of HNFE, states that the department has "come so far, grown so fast and been so strapped for resources, but we have always had Miz T."

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