

Staff Employee of the Week

Betty Watts

NAME: Betty Watts

JOB TITLE: Administrative Assistant

HOME DEPARTMENT: Office of International Research, Education, and Development

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs

NOMINATED FOR: Staff Leadership Award

SUMMARY

Betty Watts exemplifies leadership in every aspect of her job as administrative assistant at the Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIREd). In the support services she provides to OIREd personnel, not only does she stay on top of everything, but she also keeps an eye out for what's coming up, alerting faculty and staff to upcoming events so that everyone can stay abreast of activities and be appropriately prepared. She takes charge of events as well, such as planning for World Food Day and managing OIREd's presence at the International Street Fair.

She seeks out opportunities to foster our mission of internationalizing the university – serving as treasurer of the Phi Beta Delta organization and helping this group plan speech contests and other activities.

Having served as a den mother, Watts brings this combination of gentle persuasion and leading by example to encourage other people to get involved in international activities. Betty understands that people come from a wide array of backgrounds, and this understanding makes her very respectful of cultural differences, a definite asset at OIREd. Watts has high standards for herself, and expects this of others as well, inspiring all around her by her commitment to excellence.

