

SUSAN TERBAY

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Sue Terbay's commitment, outstanding work, and hopeful presence demonstrate not only the University of Dayton's leadership competencies, but the Catholic and Marianist spirit of UD as well. She champions continuous improvement and innovation, demonstrates an inquisitive and inquiring nature, and models inclusivity. Throughout her time in Campus Ministry, specifically as the Administrative Secretary for the Center for Social Concern, Sue has performed her job responsibilities with a gracious spirit, and improved ministry in the department through her everyday work. She has also contributed through serving as a conversation partner with international students, sharing her writing with fellow staff and students, and extending her pastoral presence to all whom she encounters. As her nominator states, "She is a teacher, mentor, support person and mother figure to countless people on campus."

Sue has been an integral member of the Campus Ministry department and campus community for seven years. In that time, she has continually taken on more responsibility including organizing and editing a weekly Sunday bulletin, initiating a support group for students whose parents are battling cancer, and writing a blog for mothers. These are extra responsibilities that she performs with passion. Not only is she intentional about volunteering her time to serve the University of Dayton community, she also takes the opportunities of simple interactions, like collecting checks or distributing van keys to connect with the students who come into the office. As one student wrote, "Due to her friendliness and willingness to initiate a simple conversation, an errand turned into the meeting of a role model and friend."

Sue is an outstanding writer, communicator and relationship builder. While she does not directly supervise student workers, many seek her wisdom and advice. She has been a voice for international students at Campus Ministry Team meetings and for issues of injustice at the Table of Plenty lunch discussions that Campus Ministry hosts. She is a reflective person who makes meaning of her own challenges and uses that wisdom to support students and staff on their journeys. To quote another student, "She is an example of everything that makes UD home to me, and I am truly blessed to know her."

We are so grateful for her initiative, kindness and hospitality, and it is with immense pleasure and appreciation that we present Sue Terbay with the 2014 Presidential Staff Achievement Award.