



## TERESA TERRELL

Groundskeeper, Facilities Management

Teresa Terrell has been an integral member of the grounds crew for facilities management for over 35 years. Her nominators highlighted her strong work ethic, her commitment to making this campus beautiful through careful attention to detail with plants and landscaping, and the way she cultivates community through building relationships with the students, faculty and staff she encounters through her daily work at UD. As one nominator wrote “Compassion, commitment and loyalty to the University and the Marianist values are words that come easiest to mind when describing her.”

Teresa takes strong initiative with her work in grounds. She established a holding garden for uprooted plants so they could be replanted in other locations. She takes it upon herself to learn new methods of gardening, and freely shares the knowledge with others. She provides tags from the plants that are purchased to those who ask her about the flowers and annuals she is using. She advocates for continued attention to our campus landscape on behalf of all of those who appreciate it and sees the importance of this work as it aligns with the mission of the University. Teresa was a leader in developing the Mary garden on campus. Not only did she work hard on the plants and landscaping involved in the project, she worked in collaboration with faculty, staff and vowed religious on this project and as one of her nominators wrote, made everyone feel “appreciated and respected.”

In addition to the work she does making the campus beautiful with her selection of flowers and annual plants, Teresa never hesitates to support anyone in need. Her nominators spoke to the way she offers directions to people who are lost, brings donated sweet corn to the Marianist Brothers living in Alumni Hall, and supports the students she works with each summer with a thoughtful care package and luncheon before the school year begins. One nominator shared that Teresa met a student in distress and went out of her way to speak with people in Campus Ministry, public safety and alumni hall to make sure this student had the attention and support he needed. This student stayed at UD and Teresa maintained the relationship until the student was back on his feet. As a nominator wrote “Teresa is a dedicated, loyal and caring person who wants the best for the University, her co-workers, and everyone she comes in contact with every day. She truly exceeds her responsibilities of a Groundskeeper every day somewhere around campus.”

We are so grateful for Teresa’s dedication, generosity, and spirit of collaboration. It is with immense pleasure and appreciation that we present Teresa Terrell with the 2016 Presidential Staff Achievement Award.