

Staff Employee of the Week

Terry Rakestraw

NAME: Terry Rakestraw

JOB TITLE: Administrative Assistant

HOME DEPARTMENT: Food Science and Technologies

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

NOMINATED FOR: Staff Leadership Award

SUMMARY

Terry exemplifies a good leader in many ways. She willingly takes on any task that come her way; she organizes groups when more help is required; she makes sure everyone stays on task and provides the necessary information to do so; she takes on leadership roles that might normally fall to a faculty member; she does not shy away from jobs that others might consider beneath them or that require physical exertion; she looks out for and always listens to co-workers; she makes sure people get recognized for their contributions; and, if there is a problem, Terry does not look to blame anyone else but is the first to admit her part in the failure and then immediately looks for solutions so it doesn't happen again. Ms. Rakestraw is a person that many of us depend on and look to her guidance, not only with respect to job-related issues, but also where life issues are concerned.

