

Staff Employee of the Week

Sandra K. Ward

JOB TITLE: Office Manager

HOME DEPARTMENT: Cook Counseling Center

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: VP for Student Affairs

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Christopher Flynn, Director, Cook Counseling Center

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: December 1, 1976

SUMMARY

Sandra Ward has served the university since 1976, the last 14 in the Cook Counseling Center. She has been an exemplary employee during all of this time and this was recognized by her promotion to office manager in 2006. She has flourished in her new role and handled the increased responsibilities with skill and great tact. In the aftermath of the shootings on April 16, 2007, Ms. Ward's response was remarkable. She worked from six in the morning to ten in the evening as the first to arrive and the last to leave. She worked for many days without break. Her exceptional contributions included coordination of increased services for students, direction and support to the 300 volunteers who helped with the resumption of classes, and a counselor presence at each commencement event.