

PERSON OF THE WEEK

Celeste Terry

A longtime Shaker Heights resident, Celeste Terry was recently named outstanding field instructor of 2012 for the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

"I was really honored and surprised," said Terry, who received the award at this year's MSASS graduation ceremony at CWRU.

The prestigious award recognizes Terry's work with national and international graduate social work students. A 2003 graduate of MSASS, she was one of seven instructors nominated by the students.

As an adjunct faculty member and field instructor, Terry said she helps students integrate theory and class work with real-life experience to make their academic lessons relevant for today's marketplace.

"It's a wonderful experience to work with students in that capacity," she said. "I meet with them weekly during the school year, and it's very exciting to see the light bulb go off.

"It's even more fun because I've been through (the program), so I can really give them first-hand knowledge."



A graduate of Shaker Heights High School, Terry earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

She is assistant executive director of the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland Inc., where she is responsible for special projects such as brand marketing. She is author of the book, "Transforming Non-Profits for Relevancy in Challenging Times."

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