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MSASS Students Celebrate Spring Commencement

The Case Western Reserve University Class of 2012 enjoyed beautiful weather and picture-perfect skies during a campuswide convocation and commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 20.



MSASS graduates had an opportunity to mingle with classmates one last time as they welcomed friends and family to a 12 p.m. diploma ceremony at The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Cleveland. The group celebrated the graduation of 117 students in the MSSA program and eight students in the PhD program.

Presenters included graduate student speaker Donté Gibbs, who was chosen by his classmates to give this year's commencement speech. Longtime MSASS supporter and community volunteer vic gelb also offered the commencement address.

MSASS Dean Grover Gilmore served as commencement presider for the annual event. In addition to diplomas, Dean Gilmore also presented a number of awards, including:

Irene Sogg Gross Award
Recipient: Jessica Thompson Simon

The John A. Yankey Outstanding Teacher Award for Full-Time Teaching
Recipient: Terry Hokenstad, PhD

The John A. Yankey Outstanding Teacher Award for Adjunct Teaching
Recipient: Suzanne Brown, PhD

Outstanding Field Instructor Award
Recipient: Celeste Terry, MSSA '03

Dean's Award for Outstanding Student Achievement
Recipients: Shorhonda Osagie-Erese and Amy Chmielewski

Advocate for Human Rights Award
Recipient: vic gelb

For more information, check out our [photo gallery](#) from spring commencement.