



Meet The 2024 Flora Award Winners

Sudi Harbool is a sophomore, double-majoring in Biology and Psychology and minoring in French, Social Justice and Chemistry. Sudi is involved in research at Case Western Reserve University as well as volunteering with local healthcare providers

Anvitha Ravipati is a doctoral candidate in Sociology. Prior to coming to CWRU, she worked extensively on projects with women farmers in India; she continues that work in her dissertation while adding work with local Cleveland women farmers as well. Anvitha's work demonstrates the central role women play globally in sustainable agricultural practice, and such work drives an increase in support for these farmers and their efforts. Anvitha was also previously selected as a Freedman Student Fellow through the Kelvin Smith Library and is currently a Graduate Research Assistant with the Mary Ann Swetland Center for Environmental Health.

Arlet Wright is the Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Special Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs here at Case Western Reserve University. She has provided over 35 years of service to CWRU, with accomplishments including reinvigorating the Thwing Center and Eldred Hall. Her presence is felt deeply on campus through her dedicated attendance at events and programs across the Division of Student Affairs and beyond.

Danielle Czarnecki, Ph.D. is a visiting assistant professor in the Sociology department. After completing her Ph.D. in 2017, she worked as postdoctoral fellow first at McGill University and then at the University of Cincinnati as part of the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, which does a great deal of work in support of reproductive rights. Since joining the CWRU faculty, she has continued to work on reproductive rights, including teaching a course on this topic to CWRU students.

Halle Tecco, MGT'06 is a healthcare entrepreneur who has founded multiple companies, including endeavors with a specific focus on women's health and fertility. She also works as Adjunct Faculty at Columbia Business School, teaching MBA students about digital healthcare. She has been widely recognized for her professional and personal achievements, including as one of Forbes's "30 under 30" in 2013.

Teleangé Thomas, MGT'02 is the Chief Operating and Relationship Officer of Jumpstart, Inc and the founder of Platforms LLC. She also serves as a board member for multiple organizations in the Cleveland area, such as the Cleveland Public Library. In her career and community involvement, she has been dedicated to the support of Cleveland's BIPOC residents, especially women and children.

Michele (Shelly) McNamara GRS'91, Organizational Development & Analysis retired in 2024 as the chief equity and inclusion officer of Proctor & Gamble. Both her professional roles and her personal accomplishments were driving forces in diversity in corporate America. She is also the author of *No Blanks, No Pauses: A Path to Loving Self and Others*.