The VCU School of Business believes that excellent teachers should be rewarded annually in the same way excellent researchers are rewarded for publishing in the top journals in their profession. As a result, up to five Dean’s Excellent Teachers are recognized and rewarded annually in order to inspire great teaching in the School of Business. The awards committee organized a poll for alumni and current students to identify excellent teachers/faculty members that made a difference in the life of their students.

**Dr. Randolph Barker** was awarded the Best Graduate Teacher award! Students and alumni commend Professor Barker for both his enthusiasm in the classroom and his positive engaging in the life of students outside of the classroom. As an instructor of Organizational Behavior, Professor Barker is knowledgeable and able to relay his knowledge well to his students. He creates a fun environment for learning and his lessons are centered on practical applications which serve the students well after they graduate. Outside of the classroom, Professor Barker always has a smile on his face, he is always willing to meet and help students. Quoting a student “His teaching in the classroom, and our relationship outside of it, have made a positive difference in my life to this day and I believe there is no better candidate then Dr. Barker for this award.”