

NATIONAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR Dr. KEVIN WAYNE

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The Association of Business Schools and Programs proudly announces that Dr. Kevin T. Wayne, Rivier College, Nashua, New Hampshire, has received the 2009 Teaching Excellence Award for Region 1. The award is supported in all regions this year by a financial contribution from the University of Indianapolis-Athens Campus, in Athens, Greece. As a regional recipient, Wayne will now be considered for the 2009 ACBSP International Teaching Excellence Award, to be announced in June.



Overland Park, Kansas, 27, March, 2009 — Dr. Kevin T. Wayne, Rivier College, Nashua, New Hampshire, has been named a regional recipient for the 2009 ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award. The Association of Business Schools and Programs recognizes individuals each year who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom. The University of Indianapolis-Athens Campus is the financial sponsor of the 2009 award.

Wayne will be honored, along with other regional recipients, at the ACBSP 2009 Annual Conference, June 26-29 in San Antonio, www.acbsp.org. He will receive a medallion and a \$100 check. Two International Teaching Excellence Award recipients will be announced at the luncheon, one from a baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institution and one from an associate degree-granting institution. As a regional recipient, Wayne is now a candidate for the international award.

“(Dr. Wayne) incorporates a variety of student-centered teaching methodologies including lecture, video, web sources, Blackboard, peer review, writing assignments, oral presentations and applied case studies. He challenges students to innovate by coming up with new product ideas that often result in creative prototypes,” said Maria Matarazzo, Chair, Division of Business Administration, Rivier College.

The Associate Degree Commission of ACBSP established the International Teaching Excellence Award in 1995 to recognize outstanding classroom teachers. In 2002, the Baccalaureate Degree Commission created a similar award to recognize excellence in teaching at the baccalaureate degree level. ACBSP is the only specialized accrediting body for business schools that presents an award recognizing excellence in teaching.

“It is more important than ever for business programs to produce graduates who are ready to enter the global marketplace,” said Douglas Viehland, ACBSP executive director. “ACBSP has a mission to develop, promote and recognize best practices that contribute to continuous improvement of business education. Recognition of teaching excellence is one way we achieve this goal.” he stated.

ACBSP currently has more than 585 members in 25 countries and eight regions. Rivier College is located in Region 1, which includes nine states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Canadian Provinces of Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec.

Dr. Kevin Wayne
Associate Professor of Business Administration

Kevin Wayne was at the peak of his career in medical technology when he decided to give it all up to teach college students. He didn't have a single "aha" moment when he decided to get off the fast track. Instead, he reassessed his priorities as he approached his fortieth birthday.

"I looked around me and saw all these people who didn't have much of a family life and I knew I wanted something different," says Wayne, who switched to academia so he could play a bigger role in his daughter's life. At the time, he was a key executive at ONUX Medical, a company he co-founded in 1998 with inventor and entrepreneur Greg Sancoff. Wayne found the work "super interesting and challenging," but all-consuming.

Wayne was part of a team that developed and marketed medical devices that were considered "disruptive technology," a term used for inventions that disrupt the status quo. One instrument, Touché, helped doctors suture or stitch patients without a needle and the other, Salute, was a "kinder, gentler" surgical stapler designed to reduce post-operative pain. "Many breakthrough innovations occur outside the big companies. The upstarts have so much less to lose," Wayne says.

While still working in industry, Wayne entered a doctoral program in management at the Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. He spent the next five years studying, doing research, teaching part-time, and working. "Things got worse before they got better," he laughs.

Today, Wayne is happy to be teaching undergraduate and graduate level students at Rivier, where he enjoys "the freedom to evolve both as a scholar and teacher." It's a balancing act to move back and forth between undergraduates and graduate students, he says. "I'm trying to wake up 18-year-olds during an 8 a.m. class on the one hand and on the other hand, trying to keep professionals in our graduate program awake after a full day at work," he says.

He encourages students to take creative risks and develop project management skills. "We can prepare students who are exceptional at one aspect of business—say market research—but what small and mid-sized businesses really need are well-rounded professionals...who can set objectives, plan projects, work with diverse sets of people, adapt quickly, and get things done."

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