Ms. Kim Isringhausen, Assistant Professor, entered the Division of Dental Hygiene at the VCU School of Dentistry as full-time faculty member in 2002 and in 2005 became director of the division. During that time, she also completed an M.P.H. degree at VCU. Although she is not a dentist, three years later, because of her public health education and her accomplishments as a division director, Dean Ron Hunt asked her to take on additional leadership responsibilities as Director of the Preceptorship Programs for the dental school.

Ms. Isringhausen's teaching and leadership abilities have also been recognized consistently by students and professional organizations. Recent awards given by students included Dental Hygiene Faculty Member of the Year and Best Student Advocate. She received prestigious professional association awards from the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), including selection for the ADEA Allied Dental Faculty Leadership Development Program and the ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline Teaching Fellowship. In the fall of 2008, during VCU's 40th Anniversary Celebration, Ms. Isringhausen's preceptorship program won a 40 Acts of Caring Award for service to the community.

For her leadership within the School of Dentistry, the community, and the profession, we recognize Ms. Isringhausen for her outstanding leadership contributions.