The VCU School of Dentistry is proud to honor Michelle McGregor, a role model and mentor to faculty, with the 2014 WISDM Professional Achievement Award. As a teacher and mentor, Michelle is known for her kindness, sense of humor, and commitment to making a difference.

Michelle McGregor earned her Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene in 1988 and her Bachelors of Science in Health Service Management in 1996. In 2011, she received her Master of Education in Adult Learning from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Michelle joined the faculty of VCU School of Dentistry as an adjunct clinical instructor in 2005 and became a full time instructor in 2008. It is no surprise that in only six years, she has become the Dental Hygiene Program Director for VCU School of Dentistry.

Teaching

Soon after Michelle’s initial appointment, she became the course director to numerous major courses in the dental hygiene program including Ethics, Dental Hygiene Theory I, Clinical Dental Hygiene II, Research Methods and Study Design. Michelle has set an example of innovation in the classroom incorporating blogging in several courses and even transitioning DENH 442 into an online course. She is not only a course director for her dental hygiene students, but has also served as an academic advisor to both her junior and senior dental students since 2008. Her commitment to teaching is reflected in the awards she has received, including the VCU School of Dentistry Curriculum Excellence Award; Division of Dental Hygiene Student-Nominated Outstanding Clinical Support Award; and Division of Dental Hygiene Best Part-Time Faculty Award.

Service and Leadership

Michelle’s passion for leadership is evident in her role as Dental Hygiene Program Director. She continues to meet this challenge with a positive and tactful approach. Additionally, she has been actively involved in numerous committees, including the Academic Performance Committee, School of Dentistry Steering Committee, AxiUm Steering Committee, Quality Assurance and Risk Management Committee, and Continuing Education Advisory Committee. Michelle gives back to our community through her volunteer work with organizations such as Project Homeless Connect, and currently serves as President Elect of the Virginia Dental Hygiene Association.

VCU School of Dentistry is incredibly thankful to have Michelle a part of the faculty and we anticipate seeing her many talents unfold as her career continues.