To: All School of Medicine Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows, Residents, Medical and Graduate Students

From: Amelia Grover, M.D., President, WISDM Faculty Organization

Date: December 13, 2011

Subject: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2012 WISDM Professional Achievement Award

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**NOMINATION DUE DATE:** Monday, February 13, 2012

- The WISDM Professional Achievement Award is presented by the Women in Science, Dentistry, and Medicine (WISDM) Faculty Organization, VCU School of Medicine.
- Established in 1993, it acknowledges the contributions and accomplishments of women faculty in the School of Medicine.
- The award is presented annually at the spring WISDM Leadership Conference and the SOM Faculty Excellence Awards in the fall. **WISDM Leadership Conference is Friday, April 20, 2012.**
- **Purpose:** to recognize a woman who is a role model and mentor; promoting the professional development of other women faculty.
- Nominees should demonstrate excellence in the following areas:
  1. Success as a *mentor and role model* for women faculty
  2. *Professional excellence:* accomplished in their primary area of practice (clinical, basic sciences, etc.)
  3. *Leadership:* university administrative duties, and other leadership roles
  4. *Scholarship*
  5. *Teaching expertise*

**Instructions for nomination:**

- Nominations are sought for SOM women faculty only. (VCU School of Dentistry manages their WISDM Professional Achievement award process separately).
- Nominations should include a letter from the primary nominator, a CV, and no more than five (5) support letters from supervisors, faculty, trainees, and/or students addressing the five areas of excellence.
- Previous nominees can be renominated with an updated CV and no more than five (5) support letters, which may include old and/or new letters, from supervisors, faculty, trainees, and/or students addressing the five areas of excellence.
- Address supporting documents to: Dr. Amelia Grover, WISDM President, and forward to Debbie Stewart at P.O. Box 980565, fax 828-4048, or by e-mail dstewart@vcu.edu. Please include the nominee’s name in the subject line.

Recent SOM awardees: 2011: Dr. Lenore Buckley; 2010: Dr. Joann Bodurtha; 2009: Dr. Mary Helen Hackney; 2008: Dr. Ellen Brock. A complete list of prior awardees located at [http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/wims/wisdm/pro_achieve_award.html](http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/wims/wisdm/pro_achieve_award.html)