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van Bulck named 2012 Governor’s Professor of the Year

(Sumter, SC) Dr. Hendrikus E. van Bulck of the University of South Carolina Sumter has been selected as the 2012 Governor's Professor of the Year.

The winners of the 2012 Governor's Professor of the Year award were announced Thursday at a press conference held in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

"USC Sumter is proud to have three Governor's Professor of the Year recipients in the past 19 years - Joe Gagne, Jim Privett and now Hennie van Bulck," said Les Carpenter, dean of USC Sumter. "We have a great record, having had many finalists as well." Dr. Armand J. Gagne Jr., an associate professor of business administration and economics, won in 1997; and Dr. James E. Privett, professor in the department of science, math and engineering, won in 2006.

"We hire great faculty at USC Sumter, and they make us proud," Carpenter said. "I take great pleasure in congratulating Dr. van Bulck for this great achievement. I'm especially proud because I hired him."

Van Bulck joined the division of Business Administration and Economics in the fall of 2006 as a full-time faculty member in business administration. Born in the Netherlands, he received an undergraduate degree from the Netherlands Institute for International Business - NOIB Nijenrode - as well as a master's in business administration and a doctorate in international business and marketing from the University of Georgia. At the University of Georgia, he studied under the guidance of Dr. William R. Darden, who was one of the true pioneers of modern marketing research and early advocate of psychographic research and causal modeling.

His professional credentials include his CPA certification, and he is accredited in business valuation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also has an S.C. Producer License for Life, Variable Contracts and Accident/Health and he has passed the FINRA Series 6 (Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative) and Series 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law) examinations. He has more than 28 years of experience in private practice, and he has served on the faculties of USC Sumter, Clemson University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College, where he also served as chairman of the Business and Economics Program.
He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, Physician's Viewpoint Network (PVN), the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) and the South Carolina Tax Council. He has published 70 scholarly and professional articles in the United States and Europe. He was USC Sumter faculty-at-large nominee for the John J. Duffy excellence in teaching award for 2010 and was recognized as a 2010 Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellow. He received five research awards from the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines. His students frequently rank among the top 20 in a global online strategic business game.

A luncheon in honor of the Governor's Professors of the Year and the Distinguished Professors who were nominated for the award by their respective institutions was held Thursday at the Capstone Building at the University South Carolina. The luncheon was hosted by the S.C. Higher Education Foundation, which also sponsors the S.C. Commission on Higher Education Governor's Professor of the Year program.

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