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Dr. Edward L. Morris, professor of finance in the [Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship](#), has been named a regional recipient of the 2017 ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award. The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs recognizes individuals each year who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom.

Morris, who formerly served as dean of Lindenwood's business school, will be honored along with other regional recipients at ACBSP Conference 2017 on June 24-27 in Anaheim, Calif. He will receive a medallion and a monetary award. As a regional award recipient, Morris is eligible for one of two International Teaching Excellence Awards presented by ACBSP.

"Dr. Morris' ability to meld theory and practical application together is consistently recognized by our students," said Roger Ellis, dean of the Plaster School of Business. "Recently the students, university-wide, honored him with the university Teacher of the Year Award. While serving as the dean of the Plaster School of Business, Ed directed our efforts in receiving ACBSP accreditation, the expansion of Harmon Hall, which became the new home for the school, and the total reformation of our graduate programs."

Today Morris serves as the director of the business school's graduate programs. Ellis cited the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* ranking the university's online MBA program, the highest ranked among schools in the St. Louis metro area, as evidence of Morris' effectiveness.

“I am greatly honored and surprised by this award,” Morris said. “I hope it will add to the growing reputation of Lindenwood’s business school.”

The ACBSP Associate Degree Commission 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/graduate degree level. ACBSP is the only specialized body for business schools that presents an award recognizing excellence in teaching, open to application by the entire membership.

“It is more important than ever for business programs to produce graduates who are ready to enter the global marketplace,” said Jeffrey Alderman, ACBSP president and CEO. “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.”