The College of Charleston’s Distinguished Teaching Award was established in 1977 and honors those faculty members who are outstanding among the College’s many exceptional teachers. We are proud to announce that this year’s award recipient is Dr. Cindi May from the Department of Psychology.

Cindi has established herself as a true teacher-scholar who seamlessly integrates the findings of her discipline into daily classroom instruction. She has taught courses at every level of the curriculum, including Honors Introductory Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, two popular upper-level electives in cognition (Sins of Memory and Applied Cognitive Psychology), and a capstone Cognitive Lab course. She has also mentored several students in Bachelor’s Essays and independent research projects. Students rave about her courses at all levels expressing their appreciation for her well-organized and engaging lectures.
She stands out among her colleagues because she has dedicated every aspect of her professional life to the science and practice of teaching. Cindi has some unusual qualities that set her apart from almost everyone else at the College. She is a cognitive psychologist, which means that she is an expert in the field of learning and memory; she knows which study skills work and which don’t, and which teaching methods are most likely to succeed. She has devoted substantial time and effort to communicating this knowledge to her students, the College, and her discipline more broadly.

Cindi’s service further highlights her commitment to education. She is a member of boards of several organizations that advocate for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is the co-founder of our DEMOS (Disability and Entrepreneurship: Models of Success) program. She regularly writes a column on teaching for the *APS Observer* (the top professional periodical of the Association for Psychological Science). And she has published 21 articles in *Scientific American*—articles that summarize recent findings and highlight important discoveries.

Cindi is an exemplary teacher who has devoted a tremendous amount of thought and effort to communicate her knowledge and techniques to her students, colleagues, and her community. We are pleased to recognize Cindi May with the 2022 Distinguished Teaching Award.