

Richard Bucher was a long-serving adjunct faculty member who served his profession, his community, and his UB students to a high standard. **The Bucher Award recognizes an adjunct faculty member who contributes to the UB community not only through excellence in the classroom, but also through service in a variety of other ways.** The award carries a cash prize. (Last year it was \$1,500.)

Criteria for the Richard Bucher Adjunct Faculty Award:

- 1) Must have taught at least one term over the past two years and taught a total of at least four terms; must be eligible to teach again as an adjunct; must have made a significant contribution to some combination of UB and the region
- 2) Excellent teaching at UB - per peer review, evaluations, student feedback, instructional innovations etc.
- 3) Community service – evidence of significant accomplishments as a UB volunteer or in service work supported by UB or by contributions to the City or surrounding area in ways consistent with UB’s strategic plan and/or mission
- 4) Sector of FT Work – demonstrated accomplishment in public or private employment that serves the region and underscores the person’s impact as an adjunct at UB
- 5) Service to the profession/scholarship – evidence of strong scholarship, service on national associations of academic or professional specialists related to the area of teaching, or evidence of non-instructional/non-academic activities related to the adjunct faculty member’s area of teaching (for example, an accountant might cite work with the Maryland CPA Association)

Timeline and Process for the Bucher Award:

1. Nominations can be made by faculty, students, or staff (anyone at UB).
2. Nomination packets are to be submitted to the dean supervising the adjunct by **March 15** and include the following:
 - A letter describing how the nominee has had an impact at UB, written by a student, faculty member, or a staff member;
 - a recent resume or c.v. from the adjunct faculty member;
 - a letter of up to 3 pp. from the nominee that provides evidence that the nominee meets the eligibility criteria, including any material that speaks to excellence in teaching

3. Deans should review the nominations and select one for whom the dean, or dean's designee, will write a letter of recommendation for the review of the Faculty Work-Life Committee. The dean's office may provide additional support related to excellence in teaching.
4. Nomination packets that include a dean's letter of support are due to the chair of the Faculty Work-Life Committee by **April 15** (rthompson@ubalt.edu, please note "Bucher" in subject).
5. The Committee will provide a nomination to the University Faculty Senate at its May meeting.

The winner will be recognized with other faculty awardees at the fall convocation.