

## Two ANAC Professors Chosen as Top in Their States

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**Belmont University's** Dr. John Gonas, an assistant professor of Finance in the Undergraduate and Massey School of Business, and **Westminster College's** Dr. Nick More, associate professor of Philosophy, were named the 2008 professors of the year for the states of Tennessee and Utah, respectively, by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education administers the U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program. Drs. Gonas and More were selected from nearly 300 top professors from around the United States.

Dr. John Gonas currently teaches Corporate Finance, Introduction to Investments and Investment Management, and his teaching philosophy revolves around real life application of a subject matter.

"More than me, this award should be credited to the Belmont student," Gonas said. "Over the past 10 years I have been blessed to teach and mentor some amazing students – many who possess what I find to be the ideal balance of a strong intellect, a disciplined work ethic, a solid character and a selfless commitment to community service."



*Dr. John Gonas, Belmont University*

Belmont University professors represent four of the past nine Tennessee Professors of the Year: 2000 winner Dr. Mike Awalt (Philosophy), 2001 winner Dr. David Julseth (Spanish), 2007 winner Dr. Pete Giordano (Psychology) and Gonas as the 2008 selection.

Throughout his 15 years at Westminster, Dr. Nick More has embraced the college's learning goals of critical, analytical and integrative thinking. He has made numerous improvements to the philosophy curriculums that have helped students understand the value of analytical thinking.

"More people are coming to realize how much employers value the logical thinking, problem solving and communication skills that a philosophy major develops...I especially enjoy hearing all the success stories of our philosophy graduates. They thrive in just about any field you can name, because they can think and communicate so well," he explained.

More's vision also helped revamp the college's Honors Program and launch the school's Honors Council. In 2007, More was selected for Westminster's Excellence in Teaching Award, an honor bestowed upon one select faculty member each year.



*Dr. Nick More, Westminster College*

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie "to do all things necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify the profession of teaching." The foundation is the only advanced-study center for teachers in the world and the third-oldest foundation in the nation. Its nonprofit research activities are conducted by a small group of distinguished scholars. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is the largest international association of education institutions, serving more than 3,400 universities, colleges, schools, and related organizations in 61 countries. CASE is the leading resource for professional development, information, and standards in the fields of educational fundraising, communications, marketing and alumni relations.