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On behalf of the Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards Committee, I am honoured to recognize Dr. Milena Head as a 2016-2017 recipient.

In her teaching philosophy, Dr. Head wrote of the importance of experiential learning to allow students to “directly apply business theory to reflect and gain a rich understanding of the implications of business actions and decisions.” Dr. Head challenges her students, while providing support and mentorship, as they face uncertainty and insecurity when presenting and working through case studies.

As one student wrote, “I cannot remember taking another class like this where I had to push and challenge myself each and every week. It was a great experience and one that that every student in the program needs.”

Striving for improvement and on-going personal development is not something Dr. Head only asks of her students. Although she has excellent teaching scores and has received numerous accolades and positive feedback from students and colleagues, in addition to her teaching awards, Dr. Head continuously seeks ways to improve her teaching and mentorship approaches through self-reflection, feedback from peer observations and sessions with alumni.

Dr. Head also conducts pedagogical research to find innovative ways to improve how students learn. She has obtained over a half million dollars of research funding from several grants to support education-oriented research with the results being disseminated at conferences and in academic journals.

Equally as impressive as her teaching and research contribution is her leadership in course and curriculum work. She has been touted as being instrumental in the expansion of the DeGroote School of Business PhD program and in developing numerous MBA courses. She is acknowledged for forging partnerships with other faculties and universities in the US as well as the Netherlands and in developing the EMBA program in Digital Transformation.

In conclusion, Dr. Head’s nomination detailed an exceptional teacher, researcher and leader. But it is her tremendous impact that she has had on students that resounded with the Committee. A recent student wrote,



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“Though many experiences contributed to my personal growth and development throughout my MBA journey, there was nothing more powerful- nothing more transformative- than the experience of being a student of Dr. Head’s.” In recognition of the transformative difference Dr. Head makes in and outside the classroom, she is being awarded the prestigious OCUFA Teaching Award.