2012
School of Engineering and Applied Science
Distinguished Alumni Award
(Presentation to Vincent H. Derr)

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An award to graduates of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, who through his/her career and service to the University, state, and/or nation have brought recognition to the University of Virginia and to themselves as individuals.

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• Vince received his Bachelors degree from our Civil engineering department in 1968 and his MBA from the Darden School in 1973. This was the beginning of a life long caring for the School of Engineering and the University of Virginia…..and a life of service to his alma mater.

• He has served our past and present deans as a member and leader contributing first on the Dean’s Advisory Committee and later as a member and finally president of the SEAS Trustees. Today he also serves on the University’s Council of Foundations and as a member of the SEAS Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.

• Many members of these SEAS leadership bodies have contributed significant time, expertise, and financial resources to our School, Vince’s efforts stand out!

• Before he graduated in 1968, as co captain of the cross country team, he co-founded a committee of renowned track alumni which subsequently caused the funding and construction of a new Lannighan Track facility in 1971 that replaced the 66 year old Lambeth Field facility.

• For most of his career, Vince has had significant corporate officer accountability in several construction and engineered product based companies. In his first position out of undergraduate school he had significant involvement in the designing of the base of the two World Trade Center buildings where I am told he spray painted his initials on the interior of one of the base columns…..the tragedy of the destruction of these buildings I am sure had a very personal impact on him.

• His work at our University is highly visible and present as a result of his construction activities that include: the New Darden School, the Law School renovation, the Scott Stadium renovation, the New John Paul Jones Arena, the New MR-6 Medical Research Building and the New South Lawn Project!

• Vince has been a hands-on and daily worker for the improvement of our Engineering School…..and as such, all of us at the School of Engineering and
Applied Science wish to thank him and are indeed honored to present this year’s School of Engineering and Applied Science Distinguished Alumni Award to Vincent H. Derr.