The Dillard University College of Business will honor Michael Bruno, CPA at the 2011 "Best in the Business" Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Georges Auditorium of the Professional Schools and Sciences Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Bruno (pictured), managing and founding partner of Bruno & Tervalon, LLP Certified Public Accountants, was selected because of his exceptional community service, his commitment to New Orleans and his lifelong passion for increasing minority representation in the accounting profession. Since its founding in 1978, Bruno & Tervalon, LLP has become the largest minority-owned accounting firm in Louisiana and the second largest in Mississippi. Current services of Bruno & Tervalon, LLP include auditing, accounting, financial management consulting, and tax and technical assistance services.

“It is my great pleasure to honor Mr. Michael Bruno of Bruno & Tervalon, LLP,” said Dr. Christian Fugar, dean of the College of Business at Dillard University. “Mr. Bruno has been instrumental to our students at Dillard University in pursuit of their accounting degrees and certified public accounting licenses. He has always made himself available and shared his knowledge to ensure the success of our young accounting professionals.”

The theme of this year's the annual awards ceremony is “Best in the Business.” Each year the awards program showcases the accomplishments of one local business leader along with the College of Business’ faculty, staff and students. In recent years, Dillard business students have gone on to receive graduate degrees from universities such as Harvard and Columbia, and have been offered employment from Ernst and Young, Deloitte, Xerox, and PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the country's Big Four audit firms.