We congratulate Dr. Robert Sinibaldi, an adjunct instructor in the School of Physical Education and Exercise Science, who was recently awarded the 2011 AAPAR (American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation) Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Sinibaldi holds four college degrees, three from the University of South Florida; a Bachelors in Physical Education, a Masters in Adapted PE, and a Doctorate in Exceptional Child Education. Dr. Sinibaldi has been an adapted physical education teacher for the Pinellas County School District in Florida for the past 30 years. Along with teaching 7 Adapted PE classes daily he is also the sole provider of Adapted PE resource for his district of over 100,000 students. He has sustained a career of excellence over time winning awards in four different decades, the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s. During this time span he has been selected three times as the state Adapted PE Teacher of the Year by FAHPERD and once as the state of Florida Exceptional Child Teacher of the Year by the Council of Exceptional Children. Dr Sinibaldi has published 50 professional journal articles, received over half a million dollars in grant money, and presented over 75 times at county, state, district and national conferences. He is a nationally certified adapted PE teacher through CAPE/AAPAR, and the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

Dr. Robert Sinibaldi and USF Emeritus Professor Dr. Lou Bowers after receiving the AAPAR National Teacher of the Year Award during the 2011 AAHPERD National Convention in San Diego, CA.