OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD

Effective advising is a high-impact practice in relation to student retention. The recipients of the Professional Academic Advisor Award exemplify the best qualities of faculty and academic staff advisors.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals whose primary role at the institution is the direct delivery of advising services to students. Nominees must spend at least 50% of their time on direct delivery of advising to students.

Evidence of qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor may include:

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Availability to advisees, faculty or staff
- Frequency of contact with advisees
- Appropriate referral activity
- Use and dissemination of appropriate info sources
- Evidence of student success rate, by advisor or department
- Caring, helpful attitude towards advisees, faculty and staff
- Meeting advisees in informal settings
- Monitoring of student progress toward academic and career goals
- Mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures
- Ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising
- Evidence of advising in an academic advising program that supports NACADA’s core values
- Evidence that the advising program reflects the standards of good practice in the CAS Standards and Guidelines for Academic Advising:
  - Participation in and support of advisor development programs
  - Perception by colleagues of nominee’s advising skills
  - Institutional recognition of nominee for outstanding advising
  - Participation in and support of intrusive advising to build strong relationships with advisees

NOMINATION: Students, colleagues, or individual advisors may nominate an advisor for this award. The selection committee chair will ask the nominee to submit a letter that addresses or describes his/her advising philosophy and related experiences, including the number of on- and off-campus advisees for whom he or she is responsible. Nominees also have the option of submitting a maximum of three letters of support from colleagues and/or students, with no more than two letters from students. The campus award winner will receive $300 professional development funding from the Provost’s office and their nomination will be forwarded for the WACADA & NACADA advising awards. Nominations are due to Academic Support Programs by April 1. (Due to Wisconsin Academic Advising Association June 1, Due to Regional NACADA in November, Due to National NACADA in March)