

# Outstanding Professional Academic Advisor Award

*Office of the Executive Director of Academic Advisement*

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**Eligibility:** For individuals who have been employed as an academic advisor or academic counselor for undergraduate students in any of the academic colleges or the University Advisement Center for *at least three consecutive years* by the submission deadline.

**Criteria:** This award recognizes academic advisors who:

- Provide excellent academic advising
- Exhibit leadership skills in the profession
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate caring attitude
- Demonstrate collaboration with colleagues across campus
- Demonstrate drive for continued professional development

Added value will be given to academic advisors who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in undergraduate advisement, as exemplified by developing new approaches or programs designed to ensure student progression, retention, and success.

Some examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Contributions to the scholarship of academic advising
- Documentation of outreach to students, such as special workshops, targeted programming, campaigns, etc.
- Intentional efforts to partner with offices outside of their specific college/unit
- Retention initiatives with special populations, such as first-generation, underrepresented minorities, low-income, veterans, male students, etc.