

Academic Advising Awards

Nominations

The Nomination timeline for the 2017 Academic Advising Awards will be announced in September 2016. Congratulations to our Academic Advising Award Winners for 2016:

- Elizabeth Chupp, School of Communication – Herb Sanders Award for Outstanding Academic Advisement
- Sarah Dolan, School of Teaching & Learning, University College – Outstanding New Undergraduate Advisor Award
- Bryan Hays and Amy Secretan, Office of the University Registrar – Academic Advising Advocate Recognition

Herb Sanders Award for Outstanding Academic Advisement

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Outstanding New Undergraduate Advisor Award

The Outstanding New Undergraduate Advisor Award was established by the Academic Advising Council (AAC) to recognize an academic advisor, new to the profession, who provides excellent academic advising and exhibits leadership skills in the profession. The award was established to recognize outstanding academic advising and contributions to the profession while helping students to define and achieve their academic goals. Examples of activities to be considered include, but are not limited to, advising on course selection, research, helping students with their choice of major/minor, long-term career goals and personal development.

Academic Advising Advocate Award

The purpose of this award is to honor an Illinois State employee, not employed as an academic advisor, who supports and enhances the profession of academic advising, leading to improved student advising, service to students, student success, and the mission of the University. All academic advisors are invited to nominate an advocate for this award.

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Eligibility Requirements

Any individual serving 50% or more time as an undergraduate academic advisor is eligible to apply. Previous Herb Sanders Award winners are ineligible.

Award

Award recipients are acknowledged at Founders Day and will receive a commemorative plaque.

Materials

The award recognizes 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

The materials submitted for this award should help support and demonstrate these characteristics.

Candidates should submit the following materials:

- Resume or CV
- Statement of Advising Philosophy
- Plan for Continued Professional Development
- Letter of Support from Nominator or Supervisor
- Three additional supporting letters (e.g., from nominator/supervisor, colleague, or student)

Format of Materials:

- Materials should be saved separately in PDFs or Word documents to be uploaded using the form below.
- The materials should not exceed 15 pages total. The selection committee will be looking for quality over quantity of the materials submitted.

Selection Committee

The selection committee shall be approved by the Academic Advising Council (AAC). The selection committee will be representative of campus, with preference given to past award winners. Selection committee members cannot write a letter of support for candidates. An ex officio chair will be selected by AAC to facilitate the selection process.

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Eligibility Requirements

Any individual serving 50% or more time as an undergraduate academic advisor and employed has been employed as such for three (3) or fewer years is eligible to apply. Previous Outstanding New Undergraduate Advisor Award winners are ineligible.

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Eligibility Requirements

Illinois State employees who actively support academic advising through on-campus work on campus are eligible to apply. Nominees should have a minimum of one (1) year of continuous university service and must not have worked as an academic advisor during the past year. Previous Academic Advising Advocate Award winners are ineligible.

Award

Award recipients are acknowledged at Spring Advisor Day and will receive a commemorative plaque.

Materials

The nomination materials submitted for this award should help support and demonstrate the nominee's outstanding contributions to the profession of academic advising.

Nominators should submit the following materials:

- Letter of Support

Format of Materials:

- Letter should be saved in a PDF or Word document to be uploaded using the form below.

Selection Committee

The Academic Advising Council (AAC) will evaluate nominations on the evidence that distinguishes the nominee as an outstanding advising advocate who has worked to improve the academic advising mission at Illinois State. The committee's work shall be facilitated by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education or designee.