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*Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Chairs – Norman Campus  
Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Advising  
David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Michael Meade, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services, Athletic Department  
Christopher Firch, President, SGA  
Claire Burch, Chair, Graduate Student Senate  
Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair, Student Congress

FROM: Kathleen Shea Smith, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost for Academic Advising

DATE: October 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Provost's Outstanding: Academic Advisor Award, Academic Advising Administrator Award, and New Academic Advisor Award

To recognize and reward outstanding performance by academic advisors, the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award was established with Associates funds in spring 1991. Since that time, a select group of advisors, who have been recognized in their exceptional service to students at the University of Oklahoma, have been selected to receive the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award. One award of \$3,000 is available.

The Provost's Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award was established in 2009 to recognize and reward academic advising administrators who have demonstrated outstanding guidance and leadership in the management of advising centers within the academic advising community, as well as in the academic advising of undergraduate and/or graduate students. One award of \$3,000 is available.

The Provost's Outstanding New Academic Advising Award was established in 2007 to recognize and reward advisors working in the profession for less than two years who have demonstrated an initiative to master qualities and practices of the profession. One award of \$1,000 is available.

I now seek your assistance in soliciting nominations for the 2023-2024 academic year. Attached are the procedures and nomination documents for each award. Please apprise faculty, staff, and students in your units about these awards and submit your nominations in PDF format to the [Advising Awards Dropbox](#) by **February 2, 2024**. The recipients will be recognized at the appropriate awards and honors ceremony in the spring.

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact Grey Allman at [greyallman@ou.edu](mailto:greyallman@ou.edu). Thank you for your assistance in recognizing our outstanding academic advisors and administrators.

KSS/md

cc: Joseph Harroz, Jr., President  
André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost

Attachments

**2023-2024**  
**PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD**

**GOAL:** The Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions made by University of Oklahoma professionals and faculty academic advisors who have consistently demonstrated the qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students.

**AWARD:** One \$3,000 award may be given annually to an academic advisor on the Norman campus. The award will be presented in the spring semester.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Professional advisors on the Norman campus are eligible for nomination.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:** To qualify for the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award, candidates must have consistently provided superior advising services to OU students. The outstanding advising performance should reflect perspective, initiative, and efforts that transcend the boundaries of the advisor's designated advising responsibilities. Normally, candidates should have been involved in advising over a period of several years.

Types of advising activities provided by the candidate could include the following: individual academic advising regarding curriculum and graduation requirements, career counseling, developmental advising related to students' personal and social development, group advising, planning and supervising of academic advising services, use of appropriate information services, appropriate referral to other student services, and support of advisor development programs.

Candidates also should exhibit the following professional and personal characteristics:

- demonstrated concern for the welfare of their advisees
- evidence of advising philosophy that supports NACADA's Core Value
- effective interpersonal communication skills
- availability to advisees
- willingness to seek out advisees in informal settings
- ability to intervene on behalf of students in crisis
- mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The Senior Vice President and Provost distributes a call for nominations letter. Nominations are returned to the Provost's Office by the beginning of February. Each nomination must be accompanied by a minimum of three and a maximum of seven letters of support that specifically indicate how the nominee meets the criteria for selection. One of the letters must be from the department chair or an individual who serves in a supervisory capacity to the academic advisor. In addition to letters of support, documents may include brief statements of support or acknowledgment from former or current students. The recommendations of the designated selection committee are due to the Provost's Office by March 4, 2024. The Senior Vice President and Provost makes the final selection of the award recipient, who is recognized at an awards ceremony in the spring.

## ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023	Athletics	Kendra Tahsequah	(Professional)
2022	Mebourne College of Earth and Energy	Jon Minks	(Professional)
2021	Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education	Wendy Walker	(Professional)
2020	College of Arts and Sciences	Sarah Olzawski	(Professional)
2019	Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education	Philip Johnson	(Professional)
2018	University College	Maggie Bartlett	(Professional)
2017	College of Architecture Department of Health and Exercise Science	Marjorie Callahan Megan Denney	(Faculty) (Professional)
2016	University College	Stephanie Miller	(Professional)
2015	College of Architecture	Suzanne Robinson	(Professional)
2014	Department of Human Relations Honors College	Katie Barwick-Snell Carol Carr	(Faculty) (Professional)
2013	University College	Connie Divine	(Professional)
2012	Peggy Dow Helmerich School of Drama College of Arts and Sciences	Kae Koger Jodi Hubbel	(Faculty) (Professional)
2011	School of Electrical and Computer Engineering Mewbourne College of Earth & Energy	Chad Davis Linda Goeringer	(Faculty) (Professional)
2010	Department of Classics and Letters College of Engineering	Peggy Chambers Jana Adams-Jacobs	(Faculty) (Professional)
2009	Geography Anthropology University College School of International and Area Studies	Darren Purcell Karl Rambo Brian Nossaman Malin Eichman	(Faculty) (Faculty) (Professional) (Professional)
2008	Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts	Susan Broach	(Professional)
2007	University College	Janel Russell-Pendergraft	(Professional)
2006	Honors College	Christina Norman	(Professional)

2005	College of Arts and Sciences	Joyce Allman	(Professional)
2004	Architecture	Theresa Marks	(Professional)
2003	Michael F. Price College of Business	Charlene Streller	(Professional)
2002	College of Arts and Sciences	Michele McAward Nabonne	(Professional)
2001	Mathematics	Patrick Cross	(Professional)
2000	Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics	Mary Davis	(Faculty)
	College of Arts and Sciences	Anthony Barrens	(Professional)
1999	History	James Hart	(Faculty)
	Psychology	Susan L. Shull	(Professional)
1998	Political Sciences	Debbie Deering	(Professional)
	University College	Sandra Brown	(Professional)
1997	Civil Engr & Environmental Science	Deborah Imel Nelson	(Faculty)
	Geography	Marvin Baker	(Faculty)
	College of Arts and Sciences	Mary Anne Hempe	(Professional)
	Engineering	Sherry Glenn	(Professional)
1996	Computer Science	Deborah A. Trytten	(Faculty)
	Music	E.L. Lancaster	(Faculty)
	Honors Program	Jeff Bloomgarden	(Professional)
	Zoology	Dawna Nelson	(Professional)
1995	Zoology	John N. Farmer	(Faculty)
	University College	Sue Shellabarger	(Professional)
	University College	Diane Mayes	(Professional)
1994	Anthropology	Patricia Gilman	(Faculty)
	Civil Engr & Environmental Science	Anant R. Kukreti	(Faculty)
	Engineering	Linda Tahsequah	(Professional)
1993	English	David Mair	(Faculty)
	College of Law	Robert B. Smith	(Faculty)
	College of Journalism	Ann Corbett	(Professional)
1992	Civil Engr & Environmental Science	Joachim Laguros	(Faculty)
	Business	Breck Turkington	(Professional)
1991	Classics	Peggy Chambers	(Faculty/Professional)
	College of Arts & Sciences	Virginia O'Dell	(Professional)

## 2023-2024

### PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

**GOAL:** The Provost's Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions made by University of Oklahoma academic advising administrators who have demonstrated the qualities associated with outstanding leadership in the administration of advising centers and academic advising of students.

**AWARD:** One \$3,000 award may be given annually to a Norman campus academic advising administrator. The Professional Academic Advising Administrator Award will be presented in the spring semester.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Professional advising administrators on the Norman campus are eligible for nomination.

**CRITERIA FOR  
SELECTION:**

To qualify for the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award, candidates must have consistently demonstrated outstanding guidance, management, and leadership in the administration of advising centers as well as in the academic advising of students. Outstanding administration and advising performance should reflect perspective, initiative, and efforts that transcend the boundaries of the administrator's designated responsibilities.

Types of administrative leadership provided by the candidate could include the following: objective yet sensitive supervision of staff, including motivating, mentoring, and monitoring; ability to develop bridges with various constituencies; vision toward organization and strategic planning, with accompanying decisiveness; continued professional development for self and staff; and commitment to openness, honesty, and fairness.

Types of advising activities provided by the candidate could include the following: individual academic advising regarding curriculum and graduation requirements, career counseling, developmental advising related to students' personal and social development, group advising, appropriate referral to student services.

Candidates also should exhibit the following professional and personal characteristics:

- demonstrated concern for the welfare of his/her staff and advisees
- effective interpersonal communication skills
- availability to staff and advisees
- ability to intervene on behalf of students in crisis
- mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures

**SELECTION  
PROCESS:**

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## **ACADEMIC ADVISING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2023	University College	Travis Lightsey	(Professional)
2022	Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences	Ryan Peters	(Professional)
2021	Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts	Elizabeth Nunley	(Professional)
2020	Mewborne College of Earth and Energy	Annette Moran	(Professional)
2019	OU Scholars Program	Anne Hedrick	(Professional)
2018	Price College of Business	Sherry Isom	(Professional)
2017	Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication	Kathy Sawyer	(Professional)
2016	College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences	Mary Anne Hempe	(Professional)
2016	College of Arts & Sciences	Rhonda Dean-Kyncl	(Professional)
2015	University College	Janel Russell-Pendergraft	(Professional)
2014	College of Education	Sherry Cox	(Professional)
2013	College of International Studies	Tracy Holloway	(Professional)
2012	College of Engineering	Theresa Marks	(Professional)
2011	No Award Offered		
2010	Scholars Office	Jeff Bloomgarden	(Professional)
2009	College of Arts & Sciences	Joyce Allman	(Professional)

**2023-2024**  
**PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING NEW ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD**

**GOAL:** The Provost's Outstanding New Academic Advisor Award is designed to recognize and reward advisors working in the profession for less than two years who have demonstrated an initiative to master qualities and practices of the profession.

**AWARD:** One \$1,000 award may be given annually to an academic advisor on the Norman campus. The award will be presented in the spring semester.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Professional advisors who have been working on the Norman campus for two or fewer years are eligible for nomination.

**CRITERIA FOR  
SELECTION:**

To qualify for the Provost's Outstanding New Academic Advisor Award, candidates must have consistently provided superior advising services to OU students for two or less years. The outstanding advising performance should reflect perspective, initiative, and efforts that transcend the boundaries of the advisor's designated advising responsibilities.

Types of advising activities provided by the candidate could include the following: individual academic advising regarding curriculum and graduation requirements, career counseling, developmental advising related to students' personal and social development, group advising, planning and supervising of academic advising services, use of appropriate information services, appropriate referral to other student services, and support of advisor development programs.

Candidates also should exhibit the following professional and personal characteristics:

- Ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising
- Evidence of advising philosophy that supports NACADA's Core Values
- Participation in advisor development programs
- Demonstrated concern for the welfare of their advisees
- Appropriate referral of advisees to University services
- Perception by colleagues of nominee's advising skills
- Initiative to master institutional regulations, policies, and procedures

**SELECTION  
PROCESS:**

The Senior Vice President and Provost distributes a call for nominations letter. Nominations are returned to the Provost's Office by the beginning of February. Each nomination statement must be accompanied by a maximum of two letters of support that specifically indicate how the nominee meets the criteria for selection. One of the letters must be from the department chair or an individual who serves in a supervisory capacity to the academic advisor. In addition to letters of support, documents may include brief statements of support or acknowledgment from former or current students. The recommendations of the designated selection committee are due to the Provost's Office by March 4, 2024. The Senior Vice President and Provost makes the final selection of the award recipient, who is recognized at an awards ceremony in the spring.



# **NEW ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2023	University College	Matt Hamilton	(Professional)
2022	Michael F. Price College of Business	Emma Moskowitz	(Professional)
2021	Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences	Natalie Dickson	(Professional)
2020	Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts	Alyssa Lewis	(Professional)
2019	University College	Matt Regier	(Professional)
2018	Mewbourne College of Earth & Energy	Alyssa Czapla	(Professional)
2017	Pre-Medicine	Katie Hughes	(Professional)
2016	College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences	Jamie Steele	(Professional)
2015	Dept. of Economics	Buchanan Vrazel	(Professional)
2014	College of Int'l Studies	Katie Watkins	(Professional)
2013	College of Arts & Sciences	LaRee Saunders	(Professional)
2012	College of Education	Patrice Brink	(Professional)
2011	Dept. Modern Languages	Shawn Gralla	(Professional)
2010	College of Engineering	Clint Hardesty	(Professional)
2009	No recipient		
2008	Dept. of Zoology	Candice Morvant	(Professional)
2007	University College	Lillian Miller	(Professional)