

KASADA Academic Advisor of the Year

2018-2019

Nominations must be made by faculty and/or staff. Students are welcome to nominate their academic advisor for the [Terry Kuhn Distinguished Undergraduate Advising Award](#). The nominator is responsible for collecting and submitting all nomination material within the nomination form. Self-nominations are welcome.

Volunteers from KASADA's Executive Board will serve as the selection committee for this award. The Committee will evaluate nominations on the evidence of exceptional advising qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor.

Eligibility

1. Any individual serving as an Academic Advisor at any campus of Kent State University. KASADA membership is not required.
2. Nominees must have one calendar year of full-time advising experience.
3. Current Executive Board members are not eligible for consideration for this award. After the member's term of office is over, they may then be eligible for consideration.
4. Previous KASADA Academic Advisor of the Year award winners may be considered if a minimum of five years has passed since receiving the original award.

Criteria

Nominations of advisors in every stage of their career are welcome. For advisors with a significant length of service, nominators should be sure to include specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in the award criteria, in addition to the cumulative impact of their career. For advisors who are newer to the profession, nominators should be sure to highlight how the nominee has made a significant impact in what may be a relatively short amount of time. Any previous nominations, awards, or other forms of recognition may also be included in the letters of support.

All award nomination criteria has been adapted with permission from [ACADAOS Outstanding Advisor Award](#) in addition to the [NACADA Outstanding Advising Award](#) and the [NACADA Core Values of Academic Advising](#).

Award recipients will be selected on the basis of how the following criteria and characteristics are demonstrated within the nomination material:

Contribution & Service

- Contributes to the betterment of their campus community through exceptional service, leadership, and accomplishments
- Positively and significantly influences student academic success, or otherwise expanding opportunities for students to maximize their educational experience
- Actively participates in professional organizations to share knowledge and enhance the quality of advising

Advocacy & Collaboration

- Fosters a supportive environment for students, creating support for student success in individual and organizational ways; and advocating for the needs of students
- Develops and enhances collaborative relationships with colleagues, faculty, staff, administrators, and other support units
- Demonstrates a commitment to the improvement of advising at the university through ongoing training, feedback and collaboration with supervisors/supervisees, mentors/mentees, and other stakeholders.

Initiative & Attitude

- Enhances the quality and work life with a positive attitude and ready availability for students and colleagues
- Demonstrates an ongoing willingness to go above and beyond the minimum in service to students and the university, consistently surpassing expectations for students and colleagues
- Approaches problems or challenges with a readiness to seek creative and innovative solutions

NACADA Core Values

- Models core values in their practice as an academic advisor:
 - Caring
 - Commitment
 - Empowerment
 - Inclusivity
 - Integrity
 - Professionalism
 - Respect

Submission Procedures

All nomination materials should be submitted via this form:

https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cSW8FSDO87Pjj7f

Nomination deadline: March 22, 2019

Complete nominations will include the following:

1. [Nomination Form](#)
2. A Summary Letter of the Nominee's Qualifications
 - a. In this key piece, the nominator should summarize the extent to which the nominee meets the award criteria, citing letters of support, data, or other materials illustrative of exemplary performance as an academic advisor.
 - b. The letter should address all four award criteria
3. One to three additional letters of recommendation
 - a. These could be letters of support from alumni, peers, supervisors, community members, parents, or other stakeholders who have personal knowledge of the nominee's performance as an academic advisor.

Recognition Ceremony

After complete nomination forms are received, KASADA will contact nominees to congratulate them on their nomination. All nominees will be announced prior to and honored at the annual advising award ceremony co-sponsored by The Office of Academic Engagement and Degree Completion and KASADA. KASADA will announce the award winner at the ceremony and provide the recipient with a plaque of recognition in addition to a \$500 professional development scholarship. Selections from the nomination letters will be shared to celebrate the outstanding behaviors of the recipient.

Recipients may also be nominated by KASADA for an appropriate [NACADA Region Excellence in Advising Award](#). Additional material such as a resume/CV and an advising philosophy statement will be requested.

Questions?

Contact Rachel Scherer, KASADA Awards and Grants Chair, at rschere4@kent.edu

Sources

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