



2023 ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARDS RESULTS



**518 nomination
submissions!**

**112 individuals
nominated!**

**Comments were reviewed
anonymously to select the
winners and Top 10**

This Year's Top 10!

Marty Abruzzo, CHSS
Jada Crocker, CHSS
Julio Diaz, CPH
Mary Getsey Bernier, CHSS
Ibrahim Kargbo, CPH
Kurt Lazaroff, CHSS
Deborah Polayes, COS
Carson Tatton, SBUS
Kristin Tyburczy, CHSS
Vernell Wilks, CEC



What did students have to say?

"She puts so much effort into her job and I got the feeling that she truly cared about me and my academic journey."

"He is available and responsive, he makes time to coach and walk with you through processes."

"He made himself available to me whenever I needed him, and he created an inclusive and welcoming environment for me, even when I felt like I had no place left at Mason."

Patriot Inspiration Award Winner

SHABNAM REZAI
School of Business

"She went above and beyond to not only make sure her students are excelling in education within their majors but education within the world."

Unsung Hero Award Winner

CLAUDIA BORKE
Department of
Bioengineering

"She is able to build strong, supportive relationships with her students that go beyond just academic advising, which is a testament to her genuine care and concern for their well-being."

V. Ann Lewis Academic Advisor of the Year Winner

ELLI AMBROS

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department of Criminology, Law and Society

Quotes from Elli's Students

"I know that she is always in my corner rooting for me and actually cares about the success and wellbeing of the students that she advises."

"Elli is a whole-hearted person who advises with love each session you talk to her. Best academic advisor ever!"

"Elli Ambros should be selected to win an Academic Advisor Award because of the patience, kindness, and guidance she gives. She is honest and supportive and truly an advocate for students."

WORDS & PHRASES FROM STUDENTS



kind-hearted • gratitude • patience • funny • superb • exceptional • expertise • knowledgeable • one of my biggest supporters • amazing • helpful • attentive • encouraging • caring • truly the best • inclusive • excellent communicator • invaluable • approachable • such a joy to work with • insight • above and beyond • quick to respond • an advocate for students • exemplary • reliable