

2025 ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARDS RESULTS

400 NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS! 104 INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED!

Comments were reviewed anonymously to select the winners and Top 10

V. ANN LEWIS ACADEMIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR WINNER

ASHA SNEED

EXPLORATORY ACADEMIC ADVISING

“Before I switched to Exploratory, I was afraid to reach out to my Academic Advisors as I felt as if I was not good enough and almost judged. However, Ms. Sneed gave me a guiding hand when I was at my lowest. She helped me navigate a clear pathway through Mason. She uplifts me, she tends to her students patiently, and she does not give up. Her resilience sparked a hope in me that I thought I lost. She backs her students, she reads into every detail to make sure her students are successful, and overall she welcomes her students with open arms no matter what.”

PATRIOT INSPIRATION AWARD WINNER

CHARLIE ANN KERR

Costello College of Business

“In her day-to-day work, Charlie never misses an opportunity to do what she can for students. She regularly reaches out to other members of our advising team for insights and other perspectives on student cases to make sure she is giving them the best support, and she never stops seeking new knowledge so she can be informed and helpful on the spot in meetings, through email, and in her support of our colleagues. It is rare to find somebody who is both so well suited and so passionate about the work that we do, and Charlie is a shining example.”

UNSUNG HERO AWARD WINNER

LISA SEVILLA

College of Engineering and Computing

“Lisa’s commitment to her team and the greater Mason community is unmatched. She is quick to welcome new advisors within CEC and is always ready to lend a helping hand to the broader advising community. She frequently answers questions posed by advisors from across campus, ensuring that everyone feels supported. A passionate advocate for both IST advisors and students, Lisa uses data to build a compelling case for more advisors as IST enrollment continues to grow. She is also proactive in reviewing and refining advising processes, always striving for greater efficiency and effectiveness in supporting students.”

THIS YEAR’S TOP 10

JULIO DIAZ-CARROLL (CPH), MARY GETSEY BERNIER (CHSS), XI CHEN (CHSS), JOSHUA FLETCHER (CEC), MARIA PEREZ (CPH), VERNELL WILKS (CEC), SARA MONTIEL (CHSS), JADA CROCKER (CHSS), CLAUDIA BORKE (CEC), MICHAEL HURLEY (CHSS)

“She truly cares for her students and is always open to listening, offering well-timed advice, and pushing us to be the best version of ourselves.”

“She embodies everything that academic advising should be—supportive, knowledgeable, and genuinely student-centered.”

“His passion for education and mentorship shines through in everything he does, making a lasting impact on those fortunate enough to learn from him.”

“She’s just an amazing soul to talk to when I’m feeling stressed about my academics.”