

2026 ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARDS RESULTS

376 nomination submissions! 97 individuals nominated!

Comments were reviewed anonymously to select the winners and Top 10

V. ANN LEWIS ACADEMIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR WINNER

REBECCA LANE

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

“Rebecca Lane is the best advisor I have had at George Mason. She truly cares about her students and always makes time to listen. Every time I meet with her, I feel supported and understood. She never makes me feel rushed or unimportant. Ms. Rebecca also encourages students to reach out. She reminds us that it is okay to ask questions and that she is always there to help. What makes Ms. Rebecca special is that she truly puts us first. She also makes everyone feel welcome and comfortable. She speaks kindly and respectfully and creates a safe space for students from all backgrounds. Ms. Rebecca Lane goes above and beyond for her students.”

PATRIOT INSPIRATION AWARD WINNER

SOFIA QUIROGA PAZ

COSTELLO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

“Sofia intentionally seeks opportunities to ensure a wide range of students feel supported and included in the Costello community. Her work has directly supported military-affiliated students through a highly attended military student panel, first-generation Costello students through collaboration with the First-Gen office, Muslim students through a Ramadan support initiative, Spanish-speaking students and families through bilingual advising, and students in the Global Engagement Scholars virtual cohort by creating opportunities for engagement and connection.”

UNsung HERO AWARD WINNER

JOSHUA FLETCHER

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

“As the lead for the undergraduate advising team, I have taken on the massive responsibility of maintaining the structural integrity of the department’s policies. In addition, my commitment to efficiency is not merely administrative but deeply strategic. I have developed and delivered comprehensive training programs, including workshops and resources designed specifically to enhance advising effectiveness. By training new incoming Academic Advisors on the specific procedures of the undergraduate program, I ensure that every student, regardless of which advisor they see, receives a high standard of care.”

THIS YEAR’S TOP 10

ALLISON WINTERS (BAS)

CLAUDIA BORKE (CEC)

COLLIN ARTHUR (COSTELLO)

ELLI AMBROS (CHSS)

JANA BIEVER (SCHAR)

JORDAN EMELY (CARTER)

MARTIN ABRUZZO (CHSS)

ROBERT YI (CVPA)

TROY LOWERY (CPH)

WILLIAM HANAUER (COSTELLO)

“His dedication has had a profound impact on my undergraduate journey, helping me become a more confident and capable student.”

“Whenever I was feeling overwhelmed or lost, she was there to help me and ease the stress with her caring, respectful, and joyful manner.”

“Genuinely the most kind, helpful and actively participatory staff member I’ve ever met.”

“I have never told her how much she’s helped me in my academic and personal goals, but I thought this would be one way of saying thank you and showing how much I appreciate all her care and work towards her students.”