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Advisor Accolades and Announcements Newsletter

Celebrating our NACADA Region 2 Excellence in Advising Award Winners

Barbara and Joshua will be recognized during this year's NACADA Region 1/Region 2 Conference, April 1-3 in Buffalo, NY.



Congratulations to Barbara Snyder in Costello College of Business on winning the award for Advising Administration! Grey Williams, senior academic advisor in Costello, says, "I often tell people that I'm lucky to work in the Costello College of Business, and one of those reasons is because of Barbara. She is a great supervisor who listens to the needs of her staff, is willing to engage with new ideas and perspectives, and provides us whatever support we need to succeed. Congrats, Barbara, on this wonderful accomplishment!"

Congratulations to Joshua Fletcher in College of Engineering and Computing on winning the award for Primary Role Advisor! Vernell Wilks, academic advisor in Computer Science, says that Joshua demonstrates strong leadership qualities, assures that the advising team is always well-trained and knowledgeable and that the students are well taken care of. She states that Joshua is a pleasure to have on their team and definitely deserves this award!



Maria Wilkins, the Health Professions Coordinator in the Office of Academic Advising, was George Mason University's Employee of the Month for January! Ryan Braun, Director of Undergraduate Academic Success, says, "Maria does so much to enhance the experience of pre-health students at Mason, and she is incredibly deserving of this recognition!" You can read more about Maria here: [Maria Wilkins is January Employee of the Month](#)

"Big Shout out to Asha Sneed for leading the planning for the Welcome2Mason Vision Board & Academic Planning Event. It was a great experience; students felt welcomed and left with planned visions!" - Antonio Stewart, Exploratory Academic Advising

"Grey Williams has been promoted to Senior Academic Advisor in the Costello College of Business. In addition to their academic advising caseload, Grey will be overseeing the Global Engagement Scholars Program and assisting with planning and processes related to new student orientation for Costello undergraduate students. We look forward to their growth and development as an undergraduate academic advising professional at George Mason!" - Barbara Snyder, Costello College of Business

Welcome!

Say hello to folks who are new to the academic advising community at George Mason!

Melanie Holmes, new academic advisor for Electrical and Computer Engineering, CEC

Victoria Cattelona, new academic advisor for the Schar School of Policy and Government

Developing Advising Practice (DAP) Co-Chairs Maria Perez and Kristin Tyburczy want to congratulate Jess Ostrowski-Wright (CEC), Carrie Ann Delaney (CVPA), and Claudia Borke (CEC) on completing the DAP certificate!

Advisor Spotlight: Rebecca Lane

Submitted by Lisa Nolder



Rebecca Lane joined the Cyber Security Engineering (CYSE) Department in May 2024, just after the spring semester, and has quickly become an invaluable member of the team. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from The George Washington University (2019) and a Master of Science in Education from The Johns Hopkins University (2021). Before transitioning to higher education, Rebecca spent nearly five years as an elementary school teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she developed a deep passion for education and student success. Despite stepping into her role with minimal guidance, Rebecca has demonstrated remarkable adaptability and expertise, making an immediate and lasting impact on students and colleagues alike. She is eager to continue her work in education and hopes to teach UNIV 100 in the near future. Her dedication, quick learning, and commitment to student success make her an outstanding advisor and a tremendous asset to the CYSE Department and George Mason University. We are incredibly fortunate to have Rebecca on our team—I only wish we had three of her!

