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Advisor Accolades and Announcements Newsletter

Outstanding Achievement Awards



Christopher Durac (College of Science) won an Exceptional Support Award.

Ryan Braun (Undergraduate Education) and Daniel Minot (College of Education and Human Development) each won the Outstanding Supervisor Award.

The 2025 Ceremony was held on April 15th. Congratulations to all the winners!



Welcome!

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

Adam Paegle, new academic advisor for Costello College of Business

Ashante Price, new academic advisor for Costello College of Business

Sam Brock, new academic advisor for Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering, CEC

Irma Ailon Rodriguez, new academic advisor and student engagement coordinator for College of Science

Advisor Spotlight: Carmella Trippett

Since joining the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program in May 2022 as a part-time academic advisor, Carmella has seen the department grow tremendously—doubling in size and leading to her transition to a full-time role in February 2025. She works virtually and is also a Career Influencer through University Career Services. Now that she's full time, she's excited to get more involved across campus. Outside of Mason, she serves on the board for The KAPPA House Inc. nonprofit. She enjoys traveling, reading, and cheering on the Eagles—especially when they win the Super Bowl!—alongside her husband and two children.

"Congratulations to Troy Lowery and Brian Gillette for receiving the following College of Public Health Awards: Troy received the Outstanding Achievement Award, and Brian received the Employee Leadership Award. Both are strong advocates for our students and the advising community." - Maria Perez, College of Public Health

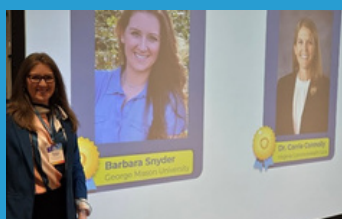
NACADA R1/R2 Conference

Members of the George Mason academic advising community attended the joint regional conference in Buffalo, NY where Antonio Stewart (Exploratory) presented and Barbara Snyder (Costello) and Joshua Fletcher (CEC) were honored for their Excellence in Advising awards. They were joined by Maria Perez and Hem Sharma (CPH).

Tiffany Sandstrum (College of Education and Human Development) is the newest co-chair of the MAAN Steering Committee!

Jess Ostrowski-Wright (College of Engineering and Computing) is the new Virginia Liaison on the NACADA Region 2 Steering Committee!

Daniel Minot wants to congratulate Valerie Bartush (Elementary Education) and Kayla Turner (Early Childhood Education) who have each been promoted to Senior Academic Advisors in the College of Education and Human Development!



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