

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Outstanding Academic Advisor Award.

Award: The recipient will receive a \$250 cash award from the Office of the Provost and \$250 in line item expenditures and a plaque from the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research. The application packet of the winner will be submitted as Western Illinois University's entry to the NACADA (National Academic Advisors Association) competition. Selection will be made by the Outstanding Academic Advisor Award Committee: the Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (chair), previous year's recipient, a representative of the Faculty Senate, a representative of the Council of Academic Advisors, and a representative of the Student Government Association. **Every college is encouraged to submit a candidate for this award.**

Eligibility: Full- or part-time faculty members or academic support personnel responsible for the academic advising of undergraduate students and assigned a caseload of academic advisees. The period of service covered by the award is Fall Semester 2009 through Spring Semester 2010. It is expected that nominees will be employed at WIU during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Criteria: Nominations will be accepted from students, peers, supervisors, or through self-nomination.

The nominating letter should document excellence in two or more of the following categories:

1. Service to students as an advisor
2. Student perceptions of advisor's abilities based on evaluations
3. Size, composition, and effective management of caseload with emphasis on qualitative management
4. Knowledge of advising principles and University rules and regulations and
5. Meeting student needs beyond the expectations of the position

Procedure: Nominations should be submitted to the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research, 637 Malpass Library. Each nomination letter should describe the nominator's perception of the advisor's effectiveness. The nomination must be accompanied by a minimum of two and a maximum of five letters of support secured by the nominator. Letters of support from students are particularly encouraged. If the nominator is not the department chair or supervisor of the nominee, the nominator should ask the chair or supervisor to submit in writing his/her perceptions of the advisor's effectiveness.

Deadline for Nominations: May 1, 2010