

Outstanding Advising Award

The Office of Undergraduate Studies is pleased to offer two new awards that recognize outstanding academic advising. One award will be given to a faculty member who advises first-year undergraduate students; the second is for a faculty member who serves as a major advisor.

Each award winner will be recognized at the end-of-year faculty meeting and will receive a \$500 stipend.

Criteria

Advisors recognized through this award will have a demonstrated commitment to:

- building strong relationships with their advisees and exhibiting a caring attitude toward them
- understanding institutional regulations, policies and procedures and offering accurate advice
- supporting students as they navigate what can be complicated requirements while also helping students learn to be independent and accountable for their own degrees
- connecting students to campus resources and opportunities
- assisting students as they explore majors and careers and/or as they prepare for life after graduation (jobs, graduate school, service, etc.)
- keeping regular, accurate records that can assist colleagues around campus who also work with the student (e.g. notes in Degree Evaluations)
- making themselves available to their advisees
- participating in and supporting advisor development programs (workshops, online trainings, etc.)
- contributing to a culture of strong advising on campus
- taking advantage of opportunities to help other faculty in their own development as advisors

Nominations

Nomination letters should describe why the faculty advisor should receive the award. Faculty, administrators, staff members and students may nominate an advisor. The letter should indicate whether the advisor is being nominated as a first-year advisor or a major advisor.

Deadline

Nomination letters should be submitted to Wendy Wyatt, AVP for Undergraduate Studies, via email (wnwyatt@stthomas.edu) or campus mail (AQU 110). Letters must be received by Friday, April 20, at 5 p.m. to be considered. Winners will be announced at the end-of-year faculty meeting.