



*The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA.*  
*Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, and Chairs – Norman Campus  
Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Advising  
David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Michael Meade, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services,  
Athletic Department  
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Caleb Robinson, Chair, Student Congress

FROM: Kathleen Shea Smith, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost for Academic Advising

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award  
Provost's Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award, and  
Provost's Outstanding New Academic Advisor Award

Nominations are now open for the Provost's Academic Advising Awards, which recognize exceptional advising, leadership, and emerging excellence across the University of Oklahoma. These awards honor advisors and advising administrators whose work has a direct and lasting impact on student success.

**Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award**

To recognize and reward outstanding performance by academic advisors, this award was established with Associates funds in spring 1991. Since that time, a select group of advisors, who have been recognized in their exceptional service to students at the University of Oklahoma, have been selected to receive the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award. One award of \$3,000 is available.

**Provost's Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award**

This award was established in 2009 to recognize and reward academic advising administrators who have demonstrated outstanding guidance and leadership in the management of advising centers within the academic advising community, as well as in the academic advising of undergraduate and/or graduate students. One award of \$3,000 is available.

### **Provost's Outstanding New Academic Advisor Award**

This award was established in 2007 to recognize and reward advisors working in the profession for two or fewer years who have demonstrated an initiative to master the qualities and practices of the profession. One award of \$1,000 is available.

I now seek your assistance in soliciting nominations for the 2025-2026 academic year. Attached are the procedures and nomination documents for each award. Please apprise faculty, staff, and students in your units about these awards and submit your nomination in PDF format to the [Advising Awards Dropbox](#) by **February 20, 2026**. The recipients will be recognized at the appropriate awards and honors ceremony in the spring.

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact Virginia Davis at [virginia.w.davis@ou.edu](mailto:virginia.w.davis@ou.edu). Thank you for your assistance in recognizing our outstanding academic advisors and administrators.

attachments

cc: André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost