

ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARDS

UMR's Outstanding Academic Advising Awards recognize those who are contributing to the continual improvement of our educational environment.

The acknowledgement of outstanding academic advising encourages greater support of advising activities on campus, reinforces the importance of advising excellence, and provides incentives and motivation to improve the relationship between UMR students, faculty and staff.

The Outstanding Academic Advisor Award is given to one faculty member from each college, one staff advisor, one freshman advisor, and one transfer student advisor, resulting in seven annual awards.

- Nomination forms are available at <http://campus.umn.edu/ugs/advisorrecognition.htm>
- Nomination forms are due **February 28, 2007**.
- Awards Luncheon—**April 25, 2007**.

For more information visit:
<http://campus.umn.edu/ugs/advising.htm>



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Academic Advising

MISSION

The mission of UMR's Academic Advising Program is to:

- Help students explore and maximize their educational opportunities at UMR;
- Help students succeed academically, professionally, and personally;
- Provide resources to support faculty advisors in their work with students; and,
- Provide recognition to faculty that support the goals of UMR's Academic Advising Program.

"Academic advisors mediate the dissonance between what students expect from the educational environment and what they experience in that environment."

Habley, Wes. (1981). "Academic Advising: Critical Link in Student Retention." *NASPA Journal*, 28(4):45-50.

ADVISING CONFERENCES

The Office of Undergraduate & Graduate Studies offers a series of beneficial advising development conferences for academic advisors. Our local conferences provide insight into advising best practices, and help to build UMR's capacity to successfully assist students to better achieve their academic objectives.

2006-2007 Schedule

Academic Alert System
9/11/07 12:00-1:30 PM

Advising 101– The Basics
10/3/06, 1:00-2:30 PM

Advising Students on Probation
11/3/06, 2:00-3:30 PM

What is an "Academic Advisor"?
1/10/07, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Advisor Awards & Opportunities
2/1/07, 2:30-4:00 PM

Guest Speaker, TBD
3/2/07, 1:30-3:00 PM

* At the Havener Center *

RESOURCES

Many resources are available to assist advisors in their work with students.

Our web site contains links to:

- The UMR Advisor's Handbook
- On-line tools such as the UMR Transfer Evaluation Reports and Degree Audit Reports
- National resources, including links to The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), and The Mentor, an academic advising journal.

"Good advising may be the single most underestimated characteristic of a successful college experience."

Light, R.J. (2001) *Making the most of college*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

For a more complete list of academic advising resources, please visit our web site at:

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