Effective advising is a high-impact practice in relation to student retention. The recipients of the Outstanding Academic Advisor Award exemplify the best qualities of faculty and academic staff advisors.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any faculty or academic staff member who serves as an academic advisor to students is eligible to receive this award. Evidence of qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor may include:

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Frequency of contact with advisees
- Appropriate referral activity
- Use and dissemination of appropriate information sources
- Caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty, and staff
- Availability to advisees, faculty, or staff
- Evidence of student success rate, by advisor or department
- Advisee or unit evaluations (summary data)
- Monitoring of student progress toward academic and career goals
- Participation in and support of intrusive advising
- Mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures
- Ability to engage in, promote, and support developmental advising
- Participation in and support of advisor development programs
- Perception by colleagues of nominee’s advising skills

**NOMINATION:** Students, colleagues, or individual advisors may submit a letter to nominate an advisor for this award. The selection committee chair will ask the nominee to submit a letter that addresses or describes his/her advising philosophy and related experiences, including the number of on- and off-campus advisees for whom he or she is responsible. Nominees also have the option of submitting a maximum of three letters of support from colleagues and/or students, with no more than two letters from students. **Nominations are due to the BILSA Dean’s Office by Friday, April 8, 2016.**

**PRESENTATION:** The annual award will be presented at the BILSA Homecoming Award Recognition Reception held the Friday evening of Homecoming Week. The award will consist of a $500 professional development grant and recognition on our BILSA Outstanding Advisor commemorative plaque.

**Past recipients**

- 2014 Annie Kinwa-Muzinga - Agriculture
- 2013 Charles Steiner - Agriculture
- 2012 Wendy Brooke - Business & Accounting
- 2011 Christopher Baxter - Agriculture
- 2010 Amanda Trewin - Biology
- 2009 Arthur Ranney – Comm. Technologies
- 2008 David Heimerdinger - Industrial Studies
- 2007 Donna Perkins Business and Accounting
- 2005 Mike Compton - Agriculture
- 2004 Beth Frieders - Biology
- 2003 Sue Price - Agriculture
- 2002 Wayne Weber - Biology
- 2001 Machelle Schroeder - Business & Accting
- 2000 Mike Mee - Agriculture