The University of South Alabama Alumni Association desires to acknowledge the importance of advising at USA by annually recognizing faculty and staff for their outstanding advising contributions.

**Award Name:** Beth and Don Davis National Alumni Association Excellence in Advising Award

**Award:** Recipient will be presented a cash award and plaque by the Alumni Association at the annual meeting in August/September 2021.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Successful nominees should have demonstrated extraordinary:

- Commitment to and respect for students
- Efforts to be an effective and innovative academic advisor
- Desire to create an environment which support students in their academic progress
- Ability to assist students in planning academic programs suited to their abilities and career goals
- Commitment to communicate appropriate course selections for degree requirements and consequences of not adhering to the required selections
- Ability to provide academic alternatives as part of career and personal development
- Knowledge of on-campus sources for various types of testing, tutoring and counseling
- Knowledge of academic regulations and procedures

**ELIGIBILITY**

The award is open to any full-time instructional faculty member or academic advisor staff member with at least three years of advising experience at the University of South Alabama. No college/school or departmental quotas shall exist regarding the number of nominations submitted. Recipients are not eligible for nomination for three consecutive years following the award. Thereafter, they are eligible.

**NOMINATING PROCEDURES – Advising Award**

- Any faculty member or academic advisor staff member may be nominated by any student organization officially recognized by the University or by any full-time faculty member.
- Additional information will be requested by the committee from the nominee and the nominee’s dean (in case of a staff academic advisor) or department chair (in case of a faculty member) including:

**These materials are due June 30, 2021:**
1. A letter from the nominator including rationale for the nomination and any information you want the selection committee to know;

2. **No more than three additional** letters supporting the nomination;

3. Recommendation from the dean/department chair with supporting documentation to include evaluative information from students and colleagues demonstrating how the nominee meets the criteria for the award;

4. Advising load for the past two years, and

5. A concise philosophy of advising statement prepared by the nominee

**TIME LINE**

Deadline for receipt of nominations: June 30, 2021

Deadline for receipt of supporting (additional) information from the nominee and nominee’s dean/department chair: July 15, 2021

Presentation of Award at Alumni Association Annual Meeting: August/September 2021

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The call for nominations will be announced via e-mail to all faculty and student organizations.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE**

A committee chaired by the Provost, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and consisting of the following representatives will select the recipient.

- Provost, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
- President of the National Alumni Association or designee
- Vice President of the National Alumni Association
- President of the Student Government Association
- President of the Southerners
- Two faculty members appointed by the Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Nomination Form for Beth and Don Davis National Alumni Association Excellence in Advising Award

Nominations form must be received no later than June 30, 2021. Late nominations will not be considered.

This award is to recognize staff and faculty for excellence in academic advising at the University of South Alabama.

Please type or print all information

Nominee’s Name____________________________________Title_____________________________
Dept.______________________________________________College___________________________
Nominee’s Campus Address____________________________________________________________
Day Phone____________________________________Email_________________________________
Nominated By_________________________________Title__________________________________
Organization Representing________________________Day Phone____________________________
Email___________________________________ ____________________________________
Signature of Nominator
Nominator’s Mailing Address _________________________________________________________
City_________________________________________State___________________Zip____________

Nomination form due June 30, 2021. Items below are due July 15, 2021:

1. A letter from the nominator including rationale for the nomination and any information you want the selection committee to know;
2. No more than three additional letters supporting the nomination;
3. Additional information will be requested by the committee from the nominee and the nominee’s dean, (in case of a staff academic advisor) or department chair (in case of a faculty member). See nominating procedures for listing of required information.

Eligible individuals include USA Academic Advisor staff and full-time faculty with a minimum of three years’ experience at USA.

Persons who have received the award in the past three years are not eligible.

Past Recipients:
2004 – Martha Stevens  2005 – Dr. Michael Doran  2006 – Dr. T. G. Jackson
2010 – Dr. Jack O’Brien  2011 - Dr. Teresa Weldy  2012 - Dr. Ellen B. Harrington
2016 – Ms. Patricia M. Davis  2017 – Ms. Cynthia Nobles  2018 – Dr. Debra Chapman
2019 – Ms. Rhonda Lucas  2020 – Mrs. Angela O’Neal

Submit to: THE AWARDS COMMITTEE, USA National Alumni Association  
MacQueen Alumni Center, 100 Alumni Drive  
University of South Alabama Mobile, AL 36688