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Council honors advisers each month

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Oakland University's 17 professional academic advisers and adviser coordinators recently instituted an award, the Professional Advisers Council (PAC) Adviser of the Month Award.

The award honors Oakland's advising professionals who best exemplify excellence in advising, service to the community in any way or anything that would deem the person an outstanding member of the university community or larger community. The award also is open to faculty academic advisers, said PAC Chair Patrick Bennett, academic adviser and program coordinator, School of Engineering and Computer Science, who selects the winners from the pool of nominees, sometimes after consulting with colleagues.

PAC meets twice a month to discuss academic advising, policies and procedures and other issues related to academic affairs.

Moira Fracassa, advising coordinator, School of Business Administration, won the first award in September. Cheryl Sullivan, advising coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, won the October award, and Sarah Mullin, academic adviser, School of Nursing, was the November winner.

"I think that a good adviser is honest, thorough, careful, a good communicator, a good listener and someone who cares about students," Fracassa said. "The academic advisers on the OU campus consistently impress me with their quality work and concern for students. That is what makes receiving this award such an honor — I was chosen by a top notch group of professionals."

The award, given on payday of each month, is presented with a plaque that reads, "PAC Adviser of the Month."

Nominations for the award may be sent to Bennett at (248) 370-2227 or pcbennet@oakland.edu or to 159A Dodge Hall.

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