

Advisor of the Month

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Studies



Advisor of the Month is an award in which staff on campus who have academic advising roles can give their advising peers recognition for their ability to go above and beyond in their roles and with students.

October's Advisor of the Month is **Christy Hoffmann**, Academic Advisor in International & Area Studies. One of her nominations shows that Christy is an action-orientated advisor who has taken her dedication to students one step further by changing policy on campus:

"Christy takes advocating for students seriously; she doesn't take the easy way out... In International and Area Studies, we have a pretty steady stream of students with Defense Language Institute (DLI) credits, and there is a cap on the amount of credits which can be applied. When working with a student, Christy noticed this. But she did more than vent some frustration and walk away—she decided to do something about it. Upon recognizing the transfer credit process was an issue, Christy wrote Admissions, explaining why she believed there should be a change of policy and how the current policy was negatively impacting students. A few days later, the process was improved and the student Christy was working with was able to apply more of his relevant coursework from DLI to his total credit hours and toward his major. This student will graduate quicker because of Christy's efforts. And other students will benefit from her advocating for this change."

Christy is an advisor on campus who advocates for change and improvement of the student experience, and students are fortunate to have an advisor willing to make change for them! She share the following about her advising:

"Most of my jobs since high school have been at universities. I love being in educational environments, where there is so much excitement about learning and the new possibilities that come out of knowledge and education. One reason I enjoy advising is that I can be part of that excitement, whether it's during conversations in my office about a student's learning abroad experience, visiting classes, or participating in campus events. It's a real joy to be part of that with students who are passionate about their educational experience and their future paths."