Jan. 27, 2016 – An undergraduate advisor in the College of Engineering has been selected to receive a major award from the National Academic Advising Association, or NACADA.

Katherine Grover, who advises biological and mechanical engineering students in the College of Engineering, will receive the 2016 Region 10 Excellence in Advising – New Advisor Award at an upcoming conference in Santa Fe, N.M.

NACADA officials say Grover was chosen for her dedication to helping USU students succeed and achieve their academic goals. Grover began advising for the college in July 2013. She says seeing students succeed is the best part of her job.

“It is a great honor to receive this NACADA award,” she said. “I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be an advisor in the College of Engineering at Utah State University. Working with such wonderful students and colleagues makes my job enjoyable and fulfilling.”

Dr. V. Dean Adams, an associate dean and department head in the college who oversees undergraduate affairs, said Grover is an ideal recipient of the award.

“Katherine has had a very positive impact on many engineering students,” he said. “She definitely has the students’ interests at the top of her many duties. She is very articulate and is able to communicate to a student what needs to be accomplished to help that student navigate the required curriculum necessary to graduate in a timely fashion.”

Adams is an active proponent of quality advising programs, saying, “quality, effective advising makes good students better.”

“Our goal in the College of Engineering Advising Center is to be the top advising unit on campus,” he added. “We have made substantial progress towards this goal with Katherine’s untiring efforts and insight in enhancing our advising process.”
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