College of Engineering Advisor Receives Regional Award | College of Engineering

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News Release — LOGAN, UTAH — Jan. 11, 2019 — College of Engineering academic advisor Leslie Buxton received the Region 10 Excellence in Advising Award. Buxton was selected among nominees from five western states.

Thomas Fronk, an associate dean in the College of Engineering, said Buxton is an outstanding advisor, and the college is fortunate to have her.

“She is knowledgeable, patient and accessible,” said Fronk. “Her students consistently acknowledge her sound advice and her knowledge of the complexities of the engineering programs.”

Buxton was awarded for her interpersonal and human relation skills, professional practices, documented success and professional development.

“Most days I can’t see the immediate results of my efforts, but receiving an award like this makes me feel like I am making a positive difference,” she said.

Buxton was invited to attend the NACADA’s annual conference in March in Hawaii to accept her award.

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The award from the National Academic Advising Association, or NACADA, goes to advisors who demonstrate outstanding professional qualities and who have fewer than three years on the job.

The accolade is the second for Buxton in less than a year. In June, she received the USU 2018 Outstanding New Advisor of the Year Award. She has been with the College of Engineering since November 2016 and provides advising services to undergraduate students in civil, environmental and mechanical engineering programs.

“I consider it a reward in itself to be able to work with these students and watch them persevere through their challenging engineering coursework,” said Buxton.