2017 Graduate Advising & Mentorship Award
Graduate Student Council Leadership Team Members
Motivation:
“To acknowledge and honor outstanding graduate advisors at Colorado State University.”

Career Development

Educational Guidance

Interpersonal Relationships
“She always celebrates our achievements, large and small.”

“I am constantly reminded that I made the right choice in joining his group.”

“[My advisor] makes it a point to let you know that he remembers that you have other things going on in your life besides your graduate work, which makes you feel cared for and supported not only as a student, but as a person as well.”

“I never thought my life would be impacted by a mentor this much.”

Nominations for Graduate Advisees

“[My advisor] encouraged me from the beginning (and allowed me the time) to find a research topic and never wavered despite it involving a multidisciplinary area beyond his areas of technical expertise.”

“By always being open and honest with his students, he fosters and environment where people want to work hard for him and be the best they can be.”
Nominees: College of Agricultural Sciences

- John Loomis
- Cristiana T. Argueso
- Jane Stewart
- Cris Argueso
- Stephen Koontz
- Alessandro Bonanno
- Steven Fonte
- Francesca Cotrufo
- Terry Engle
Nominees: College of Business

- Shelby Sack
- Catie Rohloff
Nominees: Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering

- Anura Jayasumana
- Diego Krapf
- Bret Windom
- John Petro
- John Volckens
- Tammy H. Donahue
- Suren Chen
- Ryan T. Bailey
- Hussam N. Mahmoud
- Thomas Sale
- Robert Etteme
- Christian D. Kummerow
- Elizabeth A. Barnes
Nominees: College of Health and Human Sciences

- Kelly Strong
- Scott Shuler
- Bill Gavin
- Ruoh-Nan Yan
- Lauren Shomaker
- Rachel G. Lucas-Thompson
- Andrea Weinberg
- Jackie Peila-Shuster
- Kathy Sisneros
- Carole Makela
- Craig Chesson
- Louise Jennings
- Chris L. Melby
- Benjamin Miller
- Kaigang Li
- Karyn Hamilton
- Arlene A. Schmid
- Patricia Davies
Nominees: College of Liberal Arts

- Jason LaBelle
- James T. Dormer
- Erika Osborne
- Sarah Payne
- Deborah Thompson
- Sue Doe
- Anthony Becker

- Robert Gudmestad
- Rosa Mikael Martey
- Erik Johnson
- Michele Betsill
- Johnny Plastini
- Jeni Cross
Nominees: College of Natural Sciences

- Jennifer DeLuca
- Lisa Angeloni
- Richard Finke
- Delphine Farmer
- Brian McNaughton
- Tori Crain
- Jennifer J. Harman
- Bradley Conner
- Dan Graham
- Matthew G. Rhodes
- Bailey Fosdick
Nominees: College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

- Thomas Johnson
- William Brazile
- John Rosecrance
- Marie Legare
- William Hanneman
- Edward Hoover
- David Twedt
- Laurie Goodrich
- Steven Dow
Nominees: Warner College of Natural Resources

- George Wittemyer
- Jennifer Solomon
- Jerry Vaske
- Jill Baron
- John Singleton
Honorable Mention: Professor Elizabeth A. Barnes (Atmospheric Sciences)

- “She is a super energetic and supportive advisor.”

- “Dr. Barnes is passionate about her research and passes her enthusiasm to her graduate students...She is a role model for being a passionate, responsible, and open-minded young scientist.”

- “She fosters the academic and professional growth of each member of her research group, which is comprised of a diverse mix of US and international MS and PhD students. Prof. Barnes deftly tailors her advising style to fit the needs of each advisee.”

- “She will work with you to bring out your full potential.”

- “She provides an appropriate amount of guidance to me while allowing me to explore my own interests and suggest research topics, analysis techniques, and improvements.”
Honorable Mention:
Professor Jennifer J. Harman
(Psychology)

- “I would not be in this position today without her educational guidance, career-based mentorship, and interpersonal support.”

- “Even while on sabbatical, she has continue to provide over-the-phone guidance to me as I interviewed for several positions.”

- “While attending conferences, Jen has consistently connected me with other scholars in the field, and has gone out of her way to create connections and opportunities for my success.”

- “We have co-authored two publications together as well as five national conference presentations.”

- “Working with Jen was the best decision I ever made during my time as a graduate student.”
Honorable Mention: Professor Sue Doe
(English)

- “Her guiding question...has been the source of deep, transformational learning for me, shaping me into a more curious, thoughtful person.”

- “I’m excited about the personal journey I took as well as the useful conversation-starting book that I hope to have published as the result of our work together on an important issue.”

- “..inviting me to attend a national conference, and constructing an entire independent course of study to match my interests.”

- “She has patiently guided me over the past 18 months...Her positivity has been a gift to me.”

- “She has dedicated weekly time for me in her hectic schedule, and thoughtfully responds to emails within minutes.”
Award Winner: Professor Matthew G. Rhodes (Psychology)

- "He helps me leverage each of these opportunities [applied research, courses, conferences, and internships] to meet program requirements in a timely fashion and optimize my academic record for the jobs I want."

- "He leads by example to help improve my research and teaching."

- "Because of the respect with which he treats me and my ideas, I know that I can safely talk with him about any mistakes I have made and any questions or concerns I have about my progress in the program and in my career."

- "Overall, Dr. Rhodes provided the most helpful and supportive graduate environment I could have hoped for, working together at CSU."
Award Winner: Professor Rachel G. Lucas-Thompson (Human Development and Family Studies)

- “She has also answered any and all questions I have about my career after school, and given me the best possible advice regarding completion of my teaching and writing competencies to help me land my dream job after graduation.”

- “She also exudes a passion for helping her students/advisees learn and grow.”

- “In addition to the invaluable professional and educational guidance I receive, Rachel also provides emotional support. When I experienced a difficult personal trauma, Rachel was flexible, understanding, and helpful.”

- “All the while, she has been extremely kind, supportive, generous with her time, and enthusiastic about my endeavors.”
Award Winner:
Professor Tammy L. Haut Donahue
(Mechanical Engineering)

“...an outstanding mentor who has truly shaped my graduate education...is incredibly supportive and truly encourages her students to achieve all that they can both in the laboratory and the classroom.”

“I’ve participated in many national and two international conferences disseminating results at which Dr. Donahue has been diligent in helping me network and introducing me to others within my field.”

“Without Dr. Donahue, there is no doubt I would have had only a fraction of the success as a graduate student, and it is thanks to her that I can say I have found my dream job.”

“She worked with me to take on graduate teaching assistantship while maintaining my research productivity.”
Thank You,
Advisors and Mentors!