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School of Business advisor receives NACADA Region 4 honor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Erica Byrnes, the Associate Director for Academic Advising & Career Coaching at the School of Business at the Warrington College of Business Administration, was selected as the recipient of the 2012 NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) Region 4 Excellence in Advising Administration award. Byrnes will receive the honor at the NACADA Southeast Region 4 Conference to be held March 10-13 in Miami.

“I am proud to have been selected as the NACADA Region 4 recipient of the Excellence in Advising Administration Award,” Byrnes said. “This award highlights the innovation and passion that the School of Business brings to our work with undergraduate students, and I am thrilled to showcase our achievements to the entire Southeastern U.S.”

Nominees for the award are evaluated by a number of criteria including strong interpersonal skills, evidence of student success, monitoring of student progress toward academic and career goals, mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures, ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising and participation in and support of advisor development programs. NACADA previously recognized Byrnes when the organization selected her as an Emerging Leader for 2007-09.

Byrnes is tasked with ensuring the academic advising at the School of Business is highly effective, efficient and meets the needs of students. She supervises seven academic advisors and a program assistant counseling the School of Business’ 2,500 undergraduate students on academic and professional development issues. She is also an instructor for Warrington Welcome, a course for incoming freshmen, and is a mentor for Warrington Welcome Peer Leaders.

In addition to her duties at the School of Business, Byrnes completed “Leadership Gainesville,” a year-long community leadership program administered through the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce designed to identify, educate and develop leadership skills.

Byrnes began her career at the School of Business in 2002 as a graduate assistant. She was elevated to Academic Advisor in 2005 and became the Associate Director for Academic Advising & Career Coaching in 2006. She earned a BS in Psychology and a BA in Philosophy from the University of Florida in 2002, and a Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.) and Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degrees from UF in 2005.

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