



2022 Recipient of the Distinguished Advising Award

Allison M. Welch, Ph.D.



The College of Charleston’s Distinguished Advising Award was established in 1994 to recognize a faculty member who has demonstrated sustained dedication to students in the area of academic advising. We are pleased to honor this year’s recipient Dr. Allison Welch from the Department of Biology with this award.

Advising large numbers of Biology Majors and the majority of the Environmental and Sustainability Studies (ENSS) minors, Dr. Welch’s advising expertise has guided many students through the years as indicated by the praises sung by her advisees. In addition to being an amazing resource for her students, Dr. Welch is a resource for her colleagues who see her as the “go to person” for their advising questions. They commend her ability to guide advisees through complex curricula, including several cognates, that “are not always clear to the students” pointing out that, “good advising is critical for (their) students’ success.”

As the director of the ENSS minor, Dr. Welch successfully assists students with a great variety of backgrounds and interests “as well as those with potentially complex situations, including incoming first-year students who declare the minor before declaring the major and students with low GPAs.”

By all accounts, Dr. Welch is an exceptional and dedicated advisor in and beyond the Biology department – and we are pleased to recognize her with the 2022 Distinguished Advising Award.