

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

Minor's Advising Philosophy Earns WALSA Award

Claire Minor, Academic Advisor Genetics/Genomics received the WALSA Award Outstanding Advisor Award. Established in 1979, it recognizes faculty and academic staff in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) at UW–Madison who demonstrate exceptional dedication to undergraduate advising, mentorship, and student success.

Minor goes above and beyond in advising students. “I have experience in recruiting, educating, counseling, and supporting students to achieve educational goals and personal well-being,” she said. “I strive to take great care in forming personalized relationships with each of my students to better ensure success on an



Claire Minor with Derviş Gürsoy during the CALS Awards program.

individual and institutional level.”

Minor earned her master’s degree from UW-Madison in Global Higher Education and Policy Analysis. She recently received her mental health first aid certification to better support students.

“I do what I do because I am lucky enough to witness first-hand how incredible these students are,” Minor said. “They are hardworking, ambitious, creative, and influential. It means the world to me to be able to serve and support them. I am humbled that WALSA selected me to be the recipient of this award.”