

Staff Employee of the Week

Joyce Vest

In her role as an academic advisor in the [Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering](#) , in the [College of Engineering](#), **Joyce Vest** serves more than 600 undergraduate students annually.

“Joyce shows her genuine concern for students by not only knowing each of their names, but also their career goals, academic status, and personal values,” said Ebru Bish, associate professor. “The persistent line outside of her office verifies how welcoming and willing to help every student she is. She fosters an atmosphere of mutual respect and has excellent interpersonal skills.”

Vest’s responsibilities include working with students to help them achieve their academic, professional, career, and personal development goals. She also provides specialized counseling, cultural support, and personal assistance and guidance to students facing a variety of unique challenges.

Her colleagues describe her as a wonderful asset to the college because of her strong work ethic and her commitment to students.

She plays an integral role in several department initiatives each year, including the undergraduate student survey and the Constructive Curriculum Review. She is also diligent in her efforts to pair students and professors for a variety of research experiences.

According to Eileen Van Aken, associate department head and undergraduate program director, Vest is consistently known for “demonstrating her care and concern, being accessible and proactive, creating a sense of partnership with students and faculty, and fostering individual student accountability.”

In 2011, Vest received the Provost Award for Excellence in Advising.

