

2015 THOMAS P. MADDEN AWARD

Recipients of the Thomas P. Madden Award are so recognized because they have shown themselves to be exceptional teachers of first-year undergraduate students, something this year's winner has demonstrated in an environment where success can prove particularly elusive: introductory organic chemistry. Viewed as one of the most conceptually difficult classes undergraduates can take, organic chemistry earns extremely high scores from Notre Dame students on measures of both intellectual challenge and time required outside the classroom. This professor regularly teaches two sections of the course, with approximately 150 first-year students in each, and combines a high level of expectation with unsurpassed personal support. Known for his enthusiasm, innovation, and deep caring as an educator, he is not only a dynamic teacher within his own classes but also someone who makes pedagogical impacts across the University. Whether developing a faculty-mentored summer program to introduce graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to classroom teaching, leading the use of iPads to increase student engagement, or championing the adoption of the Lightboard technology that facilitates state-of-the-art videos for online learning, he is committed to ensuring students in large, introductory courses never feel like they are just a number.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2015 Thomas P. Madden Award to

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