2020 THOMAS P. MADDEN AWARD

Recognizing a faculty member who excels at teaching first-year undergraduates, the Thomas P. Madden Award this year honors an enthusiastic scholar who has not shied away from the challenge of teaching the largest number of students in a single course at the University. Rather, he has embraced it, coordinating a course in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for more than 1,000 first-year students and encouraging them to reach out to him directly with their questions. Not relying on his teaching assistants to fill this role requires considerable extra work, and his students remark on the eagerness with which he approaches every class, an energy reflected in their own engagement with the subject as a result. Among those who nominated him for this award, one student credited him with making college-level science less intimidating, noting: "The class would applated at the end of his lectures."

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2020 Thomas P. Madden Award to

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