

2020 PROVOST'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

More than a decade ago, the inaugural winner of the Provost's Award for Academic Support of Student-Athletes saw a need to provide extra support for students underprepared to succeed as writers in Notre Dame's rigorous academic environment. Because these undergraduates were also often student-athletes, she collaborated with Academic Services for Student-Athletes to create the Writing and Rhetoric Tutorial, an accompaniment to the University's signature first-year writing course. The tutorial began by enrolling a handful of students, with her teaching in a service capacity; today, it employs two full-time faculty members and a team of undergraduate teaching assistants who serve roughly 80 students per year. As a result of her founding vision, student-athletes across a number of sports have benefited from her one-on-one instruction, her commitment to their growth into self-assured writers, and her unequivocal message that they and their learning matter.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the
2020 Provost's Award for Academic Support of Student-Athletes to

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