2022 THOMAS P. MADDEN AWARD

The Thomas P. Madden Award honors that member of the faculty who contributed the most to the teaching of first-year students. As an instructor in the University Writing Program, Patrick J. Clauss teaches first-year students in Writing and Rhetoric. Certainly, writing well is more difficult than it might appear, and teaching writing well is that much harder. It requires patience, pedagogical skill, and a genuine commitment to equipping students with an important lifelong skill. He approaches this task with enthusiasm and empathy. Students note his ability to teach a diverse group of learners and make each and every one of them feel heard and appreciated – not to mention better, more confident writers. The University Writing Program is a keystone of our Notre Dame core curriculum, and he is an anchor of that program. His contribution to the success of our first-year students extends beyond the students in his classrooms to all those participating in the University Writing Program. His impact on each first-year class is immense.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2022 Thomas P. Madden Award to

Patrick J. Clauss

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