



DEPARTMENT OF
**Electrical and
Computer Engineering**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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Pablo Castro
CAMPUS MAIL

Dear Pablo:

On behalf of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, it gives me great pleasure to announce that you have been chosen as a winner of the 2019 Gerald Holdridge Teaching Excellence Award.

Professors Jahns, Schiffler, Severson, and Ludois nominated you for this award. The following statements were included in his nomination packet:

"...Pablo has invested the extra time and effort to record a series of tutorial videos to help students master digital simulation software tools that they need to complete their homework and final project. Pablo regularly goes above and beyond to serve the needs of the students."

"...I enthusiastically support Pablo for the ECE Holdridge TA Award. I have been incredibly fortunate to have Pablo working for me as a TA in ECE 412 this semester. He continuously goes far above and beyond my expectations and significantly raises the quality of our course instruction. We are teaching ECE412 in a flipped classroom manner, which has Pablo working as an active learning coach beside myself and one other TA. During each class period, students work on group learning exercises that we coach them through. Pablo has proven to be a highly effective instructor in this setting. He patiently nudges the students towards the underlying learning goals of each exercise, without giving away the answers. His positive attitude, curiosity, and sense of humor are highly contagious and create a safe and constructive learning environment for the students. Outside of the classroom, Pablo voluntarily holds extra office hours when he senses that students are struggling on an upcoming homework assignment. Pablo has been leading our out of class homework efforts, providing guidance to the grader and creating very detailed homework solutions. I have really appreciated his diligence in managing this process. He is continually encouraging us to quickly post solutions and provide very rapid feedback. In short, Pablo has demonstrated that he has a genuine passion for teaching and mentoring students, both inside and outside of the classroom."...

The Professors also highlighted that the students clearly appreciate your well-honed TA skills, commitment, and teaching style. In addition, he commented on the strong sense of admiration and appreciation that other professors hold towards you as well.

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You will be recognized during the Spring celebration on Friday, May 3.

Along with this award, you will receive a stipend of \$500.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to the department and to our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan C. Hagness". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Susan C. Hagness
Philip Dunham Reed Professor, and
Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department