**Student Supporting Statement**

Matthews Underclass Teaching Award

*Please respond to the following question in a paragraph (ideally about a half-page, and definitely no more than 1 page):*

**The Matthews Underclass Teaching Award “honors significant contributions to the teaching of first- and second-year students,” “[recognizing] faculty members who are enthusiastically interested in and highly dedicated to undergraduate education … considered on the basis of their outstanding contributions to teaching, the intellectual rigor of their courses, and their ability to inspire a sense of wonder and excitement in their students.” In your experience, how has this instructor demonstrated dedication to first- and second-year students’ educational experiences in ways that would be deserving of this recognition?**