

## **COMAP Leadership Announcement**

COMAP is extremely pleased to announce that Dr. Benjamin Galluzzo will be joining the team as Executive Director on July 1, 2024. Ben is an established leader in mathematics modeling education, both nationally and internationally, with extensive experience as an educator and administrator in PK-12 and higher education.

Most recently, Ben served as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Clarkson University, where he also held roles as Associate Director of Clarkson's Institute for STEM Education and as Head of The Clarkson School, Clarkson University's early college program. Additionally, he was COMAP's HiMCM Contest Director and the Chair of the Expert Panel for the International Mathematical Modeling Challenge.

Ben's contributions to mathematics education began early in his career when he developed and taught the first mathematical modeling class at the University of Iowa as a graduate student in the Applied Mathematical & Computational Sciences program. He has been deeply involved in all aspects of math modeling competitions, including advising teams, developing contests, mentoring team advisors, writing modeling problems, and organizing judging efforts.

Ben has played a leadership role in projects that have secured nearly \$10 million in external funding through numerous NSF grants and grants from other agencies. His exceptional teaching abilities have been recognized with the Mathematical Association of America's Henry L. Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Beginning College or University Mathematics Faculty Member.

Ben has held leadership roles on committees in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). He is also a co-author of the *Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Mathematical Modeling Education Report*. He also co-authored two handbooks on mathematical modeling with SIAM: *Math Modeling: Getting Started and Getting Solutions* and *Math Modeling: Computing and Communicating*; they are among the most downloaded publications in the SIAM catalogue.

COMAP is thrilled to welcome Ben, whose innovative spirit, expertise, and passion for mathematical modeling will undoubtedly advance COMAP's mission and vision.

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