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DAVID BECKER, your marvelous direction of the Lawrence University Symphony Orchestra, your work with student productions such as opera and your involvement in every aspect of musical performance have had a profound effect on students, faculty and staff, and the countless members of the community who have been present for the inspiring music events performed under your guidance. At the heart of these performances is your great skill as a master teacher. You teach our students to perform with precision and artistry by emphasizing not only technique but historical knowledge and interpretation. Anyone who has attended a Lawrence Symphony Orchestra performance can sense the pride of the students and the love and respect they feel for you. Known for your high standards but also for your patience and kind support, you are a model for your peers. You have also taught your audiences. You have taught us the joy of music that is available to all persons, regardless of their music background.

For the beauty you have brought into the world through your teaching and artistic direction, I am pleased to present you with the 2010 award for Excellence in Teaching.

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