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Honorary Degree Awarded to Retiring Faculty

James Stewart, Florence E. Child Professor of Mathematics

"Champion and guardian of Geometry in an age of its slumbering submergence, expositor and concerned clarifier of the abstract algebra behind and beyond the 'New Math,' you are a dedicated and patient teacher recognized not only for your insight into things mathematical but also for your deep understanding of the needs of your students. You have devoted hours of individual help to the disadvantaged and hours more to the development of supplementary material for the enlightenment of all. Your constant efforts in seeking the truth in mathematics and elsewhere and in communicating your findings your students have shown them a way of life they have felt challenged to follow.

Your early training in the Classics and your steady interest in literature led you thirty-two years ago during your first year at Lawrence to join in the infant enterprise known as Freshman Studies. To this enterprise you have been steadfastly faithful and your contributions many and helpful.

James Collier Stewart, you are held in high esteem as a tutor by your students and as a friend by your colleagues and their families.

By the authority vested in me, I now confer upon you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, and admit you to the rights, its privileges, and its obligations."

Citation read by President Thomas Smith at Commencement, 1978