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## **Young Teacher Award**

### **Nick Keelan, Assistant Professor of Music**

"Nick Keelan, few music educators can claim as you do the background of studio jazz musician, symphony member, public school teacher, and master of the dirt bike in the outback; and few musicians are equally at home, as you are, performing tuba in a marching band or conducting Elgar from a podium. These diverse experiences and talents serve you well as teacher, supervisor of teachers-to-be, conductor, and advisor. Your students find you a source of musical inspiration, and analytic, almost scientific, critic of their instrumental performance who has a special gift for matching solutions to problems, and a warm, open, and professional counselor. In your role as supervisor of student teachers, you display an ability to sort out the profound from the pedantic. You are a specialist in a discipline of specialties, but your comprehension is that of the liberated artist-performer.

Nick, we are delighted to honor you as an outstanding young teacher of the Lawrence faculty."

*Citation read by President Richard Warch at Commencement, 1988*