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## **Honorary Degree Awarded to Retiring Faculty**

### **David Cook, professor of Physics**

"David Cook, you came to Lawrence University in 1965 after completing a Ph.D. in physics at Harvard University. You are a teacher and scholar of incredible skill. Your achievements at Lawrence include your appointment as Philetus E. Sawyer Professor of Science in 1989, and in 1990 as the Lawrence Outstanding Teacher.

Your pursuit of scholarly excellence led to the creation of the Computational Physics Laboratory at Lawrence. Your high standards and dedication to this endeavor have enabled the physics program at Lawrence to flourish. You have published extensively and your expertise and wisdom has earned you admiration from near and far. You have also served the college in a number of other meaningful ways – as department chair, university marshal, and as a member of numerous university committees.

Because of your national standing as a leader in physics education you have been elected vice president of the American Association of Physics Teachers, a position that will lead to your appointment as president of that group. For the next four years you will continue to share your passion for physics and advocate for the advancement of the sciences in this country.

It is with great admiration that we recognize your 43 years as a member of the Department of Physics at Lawrence. We offer our heartfelt thanks for the extraordinary contributions you have given to your students and the college. We congratulate you and wish you well as we mark your retirement from the faculty of Lawrence University.

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

*Citation read by President Jill Beck at Commencement, 2008*