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Honorary Degree Awarded to Retiring Faculty

John Brandenberger, professor of Physics

"John Brandenberger, after completing a Ph.D. in physics at Brown University you made Lawrence University your academic home. You have distinguished yourself as an outstanding educator, researcher, scholar, and innovator. Your successes at Lawrence include your appointment as Alice G. Chapman Professor of Physics in 1999, your receipt of the Lawrence Excellence in Teaching award in 1995, and in 2006, the inaugural award for Excellence in Scholarship or Creative Activity at Lawrence University.

You helped take physics education at Lawrence to a new level with the addition of the ' Laser Palace' laboratory. You successfully solicited grant money for this distinguished endeavor, and the results were literally 'out of this world.' You provided your students with a unique, research-rich environment where they could hone their scientific skills to a level normally found only in graduate school.

You helped establish the physics program at Lawrence as one of the top undergraduate programs in the nation. Recognition of the program has been enhanced by your extensive record of publications and presentations. Your successes led to your election as a Fellow of the prestigious American Physical Society in 1999.

The Society's selection committee cited your 'advocacy of undergraduate research, and creative leadership in building an exemplary undergraduate physics program.'

We are delighted to recognize the 40 years you have spent as a member of the Department of Physics at Lawrence. 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