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Ernestine Whitman

Ernestine Whitman, You came to Lawrence in 1978 after earning a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in flute at the University of Wisconsin in 1977. Before your DMA you earned a Master of Music degree at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1973 and an AB in 1968 from Emory University. You immediately established yourself as a wonderful teacher, and were chosen for the Young Teacher award in 1984. You were promoted to Associate Professor, also in 1984 and to Professor in 2001. Your students in flute classes have enormous respect and affection for you as a teacher. They appreciate your attention to them as individuals and the ways you support them while maintaining high standards of performance. They value you for helping them prepare for a lifetime of enjoying music, and for your recognition that artistic achievement involves a combination of strong technique with intelligence and spirit. In all of your other courses your devotion to music and liberal learning has provided a unique and wonderful experience for your students. Your own professional work includes appearances with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Madison Symphony Orchestra and countless performances at Lawrence. A list of the composers whose works you have performed reads like a who's who of the world's great music.

For all of your wonderful achievements as a member of the Faculty of Lawrence University, I am pleased to confer upon you the honorary degree of Master of Arts on the occasion of your retirement.