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Nicholas Maravolo

NICHOLAS MARAVOLO, you have been a central part of Lawrence since joining the faculty 50 years ago. During that time, generations of students have benefitted from your teaching about the world of plants and your advice about preparation for medical school. Your strong support of student-athletes has been a significant part of connecting our academic and cocurricular programs.

You joined the faculty in the fall of 1966 after earning a bachelor's degree, master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. You advanced through the professorial ranks, becoming a full professor in 1983. Your tireless work on understanding the life cycle of plants led you to supervise the construction of the greenhouse and contribute to the development of our biology curriculum. Your work was supported by two grants from the Research Corporation, a grant from the National Academy of Sciences and one from the

National Science Foundation. You are the author of numerous papers and presentations, many in collaboration with students, on the biology of plants, including one with the intriguing title of "Whither Paradise: the Rise and Fall of the Hawaiian Vegetation." Your interests in plants has led you to be involved in the Botanical Society of America and to lend assistance to such groups as the Mosquito Hill Nature Center. Early in your Lawrence career you developed an interest in helping prepare students for medical school. This led to decades of activity in pre-medical advising and many presentations to students, potential students and alumni on medical education. Your loyal and active service of 50 years will not be forgotten.

In recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundum*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

June 12, 2016