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David Burrows

DAVID BURROWS, inventive educator and wise administrator, you have shown an unflagging commitment to enriching the intellectual life of our beloved Lawrence. Your energetic championing of the liberal arts ideal that illuminates the educational mission of this college, and your devotion to lifelong learning have transformed this university and our graduates.

There is no corner of this campus that has not been shaped by you, a shape that goes beyond buildings and maps and offices to the life's blood of any institution of higher education: its intellectual character. You have overseen the hiring of more than 75 members of our faculty. The Lawrence we know today would be vastly different were it not for your commitment to hiring and developing the brilliant, talented and committed educators who fill our classrooms. Your knowledge and dedication to pedagogy has shaped this campus. Our graduates have undertaken countless hours of research, critical thinking and probably more than a few late nights writing and creating to produce hundreds of in-depth *Senior Experience* projects, a signature program you were instrumental in developing.

We say that you are returning to the classroom, but in truth you never left, teaching at least one course a year, helping you to

understand the needs of our students and faculty. You have always listened to those needs with care and thoughtfulness, patience and good humor.

Your academic life and achievements did not start at Lawrence. You studied psychology at Columbia University before earning a master's degree and Ph.D. at the University of Toronto. You applied your formidable talents to the world of academia as both a teacher and an administrator at SUNY Brockport, Skidmore College and Beloit College before coming to Lawrence. In true liberal arts fashion, you combined your rich academic research with administrative challenges, developing an interest in how research on cognitive processes can help create and implement powerful general education programs. You will continue that work in your role as a member of the faculty, leading wherever you are, this time at the helm of our latest effort to renew pedagogy.

In recognition of your indelible mark on the intellectual character of Lawrence University, and by the authority vested in me, I now confer upon you the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, and admit you to its rights, privileges and obligations.

Appleton, Wisconsin
June 11, 2017