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Nick Keelan

NICK KEELAN, you have served Lawrence University extremely well, helping students in our Conservatory brass and music education programs pursue their dreams as performers and educators. You joined the faculty in 1985 after 10 years of teaching instrumental music in the elementary and secondary school music programs at districts in Texas and in Colorado, where you served as president of the Colorado Bandmasters Association. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, you studied trombone with Wendell Evanson and Wayne Harrison at Henderson State University. At the University of Northern Colorado, you studied with Buddy Baker.

As associate professor of music you have taught trombone, bass trombone, euphonium and tuba. You served as director of the Lawrence Trombone Ensemble and co-directed the Lawrence Jazz Workshop. You have offered courses in the departments of Brass-Percussion,

Jazz and Improvisational Music and Music Education. With typical generosity, you have coached innumerable student chamber ensembles and at various points in your career served as conductor of the Lawrence University Symphonic Band, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Band and the Jazz Workshop.

A founding member of the Lawrence Brass faculty quintet, you have also performed with the Lawrence Faculty Jazz Group, the Colorado Brass Band and VENTO Winds. Your classical and jazz concert appearances throughout the U.S. have included performances on Baroque sackbuts in addition to the alto, tenor and bass trombone.

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

June 10, 2018