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Richard Sanerib

RICHARD SANERIB, over the course of more than 40 years in the department of Mathematics and Computer Science, you have distinguished yourself as one of Lawrence University's most dedicated teachers.

You have received both the award for excellent teaching as an early career faculty member—a recognition you earned after just three years on the faculty—and the university-wide excellence in teaching award. The number of our faculty who have received both of these distinguished awards is small, and I applaud this achievement.

A native of Boston, you received your bachelor's degree in Mathematics from St. Anselm's College, and your Ph.D. at the University of Colorado. A specialist in logic, algebra, and topology, you joined Lawrence's Mathematics department in 1976—the same year as your friend and colleague Bruce Pourciau, who will be joining you in retirement next year.

You were first recognized for your excellence in the classroom in 1979, receiving what was then called the "Young Teacher Award." In presenting this award, then-President Richard Warch noted your impressive pedagogical range, praising your ability to "allay 'math anxiety' among some [students while] heightening mathematical competence among others." Twenty-four years later, on the occasion of presenting you with the Excellence in Teaching Award, President Warch termed you "the type of teacher parents hope their children will encounter in college," someone who fills "the classroom with infectious passion for mathematics and then fills office hours with the sage and thoughtful advice of a caring mentor."

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 14, 2020