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2022 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Brigetta Miller

As a faculty member teaching in both Music Education and Ethnic Studies, you embody the promise of Lawrence University as a place that uniquely values the arts, liberal arts, diversity, and inclusion. And you have come to embody, as well, the University's core commitment to excellence in teaching, serving as an empathetic and patient guide to students eager to challenge themselves and make the world a better place.

Student course evaluations offer vivid testimony to your kindness, enthusiasm, and dedication to nurturing success and achievement within community. To quote a student in your class on Contemporary Native American Women, "every course should be like this at Lawrence: focused on building relationships and trust with each other as peers, and focus[ed] on intentional discussions and work." As another student observed, "this course was like no other course I've taken at LU thus far. This course opened my eyes to so many things that I had never been exposed to." On a different note, a student enrolled in

your Spring 2020 Introduction to Music Education class exclaimed, "I loved this class—I loved learning how to teach others on Zoom!"—striking testimony that, no matter the medium, your outstanding pedagogical skills prevail.

In the words of a faculty colleague, "Brigetta's approach to teaching is revolutionary and transformative. While she offers guidance and shares her knowledge, she does so in ways that fundamentally value students' insights." And your work with our students extends beyond the classroom to include service as a Posse mentor and as faculty advisor to LUNA, the Lawrence University Native American Organization.

Brigetta, I am extremely pleased to be able to acknowledge and affirm your students' deep gratitude and abiding affection by presenting you with the 2022 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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